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SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ANOTHER financial year of the town has closed, and in accordance with the By-Laws of the town, we most respectfully submit the following report : —

The street leading from Shaw Street to Quincy Avenue has been built the past year, by the order of the county commissioners. It also has been accepted by them, and opened for public travel.

Elliot Street has been laid out by the selectmen, and accepted by the town. It has been graded at an expense of \$194.70. A further appropriation of \$300 is necessary to gravel the road, and to build railings wherever needed.

The selectmen have received petitions asking for the laying out and building of two different roads to connect Elliot Street with Commercial Street. Both of these routes have been surveyed, and there is no question of the necessity of building a road to connect those two points, thereby connecting the territory on Elliot Street with the rest of the town.

The only question is, which of these routes shall be built, or whether another route cannot be selected which will better accommodate the public travel.

The selectmen are of opinion that further surveys should be made, and then the question can be decided more intelligently.

At the last annual meeting the sum of \$600 was raised and appropriated for repairs on the Iron Works School-house, and the expenditure was intrusted to the hands of a competent committee. In making these repairs the committee assumed the responsibility of expending an amount more than double the sum appropriated, and at a special meeting the town was called upon to appropriate the additional sum of \$800 to make good this deficiency. The town at that meeting made the appropriation, but coupled with its vote a protest against the unauthorized act of the committee, which was entered upon the records. The selectmen have recently been requested to draw their order on the treasury for a further sum of \$25 for the same purpose, which they have declined to do without specific instructions from the town.

If the town can legally be made responsible for such claims, we think some action should be taken to prevent similar committees, hereafter chosen, from expending more than the amount appropriated. If it is understood that such committees have unlimited power to pledge the credit of the town, without regard to its vote, the result will be to leave to the discretion of a few men the decision of a question

which, in our judgment, ought never to pass from the control of the town; viz., how much of its money shall be expended for a given object. We do not think the town is prepared to adopt such a course.

S. W. HOLLIS,	}	Selectmen
ABIJAH ALLEN,		of
ANSEL O. CLARK,		Braintree.

Fence Viewers
Selectmen

SCHOOLS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Charles E. Stetson, teaching 10 weeks, at \$35	\$350 00	
Charles E. Stetson, teaching 30 weeks, at \$30	900 00	
Martha Reed, teaching 40 weeks, at \$11.25,	450 00	
Joel F. Sheppard, coal	11 80	
Michael Brandley	35 92	
E. T. Ellis, kindlings	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,753 72

POND SCHOOL.

Freeman A. Arnold, teaching 40 weeks, at \$10.50	\$420 00	
S. Ella Torrey, teaching 40 weeks, at \$8 .	320 00	
E. M. Thompson, teaching 40 weeks, at \$8,	320 00	
Michael Brandley, coal	44 90	
E. T. Ellis, kindlings	6 00	
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UNION SCHOOL.

Wellington Record, teaching 40 weeks, at \$10.50	\$420 00	
Inez M. Rogers, teaching 20 weeks, at \$8 .	160 00	
F. M. Stebbins, teaching 20 weeks, at \$8 .	160 00	
S. L. Burnham, teaching 40 weeks, at \$8 .	320 00	
M. Brandley, coal	17 96	
R. Allen Gage, care of house	70 00	
R. A. Gage, shavings	1 20	
E. T. Ellis, kindlings	12 00	
Mrs. Carney, cleaning house	12 00	
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IRON WORKS SCHOOL.

E. L. Bradford, teaching 30 $\frac{3}{5}$ weeks, at \$10.50	\$321 30	
E. A. Newton, teaching 7 days, at \$2 . .	14 00	
E. A. Newton, teaching 1 week	10 50	
Alverdo Mason, teaching 7 weeks, at \$10.50,	73 50	
Avis A. Thayer, teaching 40 weeks, at \$8 .	320 00	

Inez A. Penniman, teaching 10 weeks, at \$8,	\$80 00	
Inez A. Penniman, teaching 30 weeks, at \$7,	210 00	
Galen E. Pratt, care of house	66 45	
E. L. Bradford, cash paid for cleaning house,	2 00	
E. T. Ellis, kindlings	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,106 75

EAST SCHOOL.

Victoria P. Wilde, teaching $39\frac{4}{5}$ weeks, at \$10.50	\$417 90	
Nettie L. Burt, teaching 10 weeks, at \$8 .	80 00	
Nettie L. Burt, teaching 30 weeks, at \$7 .	210 00	
Jesse Burrell, care of house	36 00	
Jesse Burrell, shavings	30	
Michael Brandley, coal	26 94	
E. T. Ellis, kindlings	10 50	
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SOUTHEAST SCHOOL.

Ina G. Cutting, teaching 10 weeks, at \$8 .	\$80 00	
Ina G. Cutting, teaching 30 weeks, at \$7 .	210 00	
Michael Brandley, coal	13 47	
L. A. McGaw, care of house	7 50	
J. M. Cutting, Jr., care of house	7 50	
Martha Penniman, cleaning house	1 50	
E. T. Ellis, kindlings	3 00	
	<hr/>	322 97

SOUTH SCHOOL.

M. E. C. Bannon, teaching 40 weeks, at \$8,	\$320 00	
Thomas Downey, care of house	11 25	
M. Brandley, coal	13 47	
Mrs. Boyle, cleaning house	1 50	
E. T. Ellis, kindlings	10 50	
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SOUTHWEST SCHOOL.

Helen A. Williams, teaching $39\frac{3}{5}$ weeks, at \$8,	\$316 80	
Oscar E. Ellis, care of house	15 00	
T. T. Ellis, kindlings	3 00	
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WEST SCHOOL.

Marcia A. Keith, teaching 20 weeks, at \$7 .	\$140 00	
Susie M. Reed, teaching 20 weeks, \$7 .	140 00	
Elisha Savil, care of house	15 00	
M. Brandley, coal	6 73	
E. T. Ellis, kindlings	7 50	
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MIDDLE STREET SCHOOL.

Lottie E. Allen, teaching 40 weeks, at \$8 .	\$320 00	
Ellsworth A. Hollis, care of house . .	15 00	
M. Brandley, coal	13 47	
E. T. Ellis, kindlings	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$357 47
Total cost of schools		<hr/> \$7,607 36

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

H. L. Thayer, conveyance of children . . .	\$180 00
C. E. Stetson, table for books of reference . . .	3 00
C. E. Stetson, lettering diplomas	10 00
C. E. Stetson, printing programmes	5 50
C. E. Stetson, chemicals, erasers, and ink . . .	4 60
Gunn & Bliss, report cards	4 00
E. P. Hayward, tuning piano at Union School . .	3 50
J. M. Arnold, dippers, dusters, brooms, brushes, Union School	6 56
E. L. Bradford, pail and dipper, Iron Works School .	80
P. D. Holbrook & Co., brooms and crayons, South School	1 15
P. D. Holbrook & Co., basket, coal-hod, etc , Pond School	3 45
P. D. Holbrook & Co., crayons and broom, Middle Street School	1 48
P. D. Holbrook & Co., brush, curtain, and fixtures, High School	1 55
P. D. Holbrook & Co., brush and duster, Iron Works School	2 68
Julia F. Hayward, erasers and books, Union School .	2 20
Julia F. Hayward, erasers and books, Iron Works School	31 95
Julia F. Hayward, crayons and books, West School .	1 00
Julia F. Hayward, crayons and books, East School .	8 42
Julia F. Hayward, book, Middle Street School . .	1 00
Julia F. Hayward, crayons, erasers, etc., South School,	5 23
Julia F. Hayward, crayons and books, Southeast School	2 70
Julia F. Hayward, crayons and books, Southwest School	5 40
Julia F. Hayward, crayons and books, Pond School .	11 22
Julia F. Hayward, crayons, High School	40
Julia F. Hayward, book for poor boy	95

Julia F. Hayward, stationery and stamps, school committee	\$3 00
George C. Thayer, 600 school reports	4 00
New England School Furnishing Co., ten dozen erasers, C. G. Esterbrooks, printing questions for examination of candidates for High School	13 75
Lee & Shepard, reference book	4 00
L. A. H. Butler, books for poor children	8 00
L. A. H. Butler, drawing cards and book for desk, Union School	2 14
E. Savil, broom, West School	4 00
Wm. Bowditch, broom, East School	38
W. A. Green, repairing clock, Southeast School	30
W. A. Green, repairing clock, High School	95
	75
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	\$340 01

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Morrill Williams, repairs Southwest School-house	\$2 65
Morrill Williams, repairs on fence, Southwest	3 00
Robert Hamilton, labor and stock repairing Union School-house	12 18
James Croke, repairs on out-house, Iron Works	1 00
R. A. Gage, glass and setting and repairs, Union	6 95
R. A. Gage, repairs on Middle Street School-house	75
William R. Penniman, repairs South School-house	4 87
William R. Penniman, pedestals for chairs, Pond	7 00
William R. Penniman, labor, etc.	3 30
J. B. Rhines, lumber for East School-house	37 51
E. L. Bradford, setting glass, Iron Works	20
Joseph I. Bates, grate and labor, Union	2 00
Joseph I. Bates, grates, repairs on stoves, etc., Iron Works	18 55
Joseph I. Bates, repairs on stove, East	11 41
Michael Brandley, two loads loam, Pond	1 50
William H. Cobb, repairs on Pond School-house	1 40
Robert Brooks, setting glass, Iron Works	1 00
Henry McElwyn, slating blackboards, East	5 74
Henry McElwyn, slating blackboards, Union	8 14
Henry McElwyn, slating blackboards, West	2 86
Henry McElwyn, slating blackboards, Southwest	2 40
L. R. Barnes, slating blackboards, Pond	8 96
L. R. Barnes, repairs of blackboards, Pond	50
L. R. Barnes, slating blackboards, Middle Street	3 88
L. R. Barnes, glass and setting, Southeast	1 50
J. W. Thayer, glass and setting, Middle Street	50
George W. Kelly, cleaning well, Pond	1 60

G. E. Pratt, keys for Iron Works	\$ 75
J. F. Sheppard, four posts, Iron Works	1 40
A. W. Peterson, labor and material, Union	20 10
A. W. Peterson, labor and material, West	1 05
A. W. Peterson, labor and material, Southeast	2 60
A. W. Peterson, labor and material, Middle Street	9 60
A. W. Peterson, labor and material, Iron Works	6 00
A. A. Linnell, Russia pipe, High	1 62
A. A. Linnell, repairing stove, Southwest	50
John Maloney, cleaning out-house, Iron Works	5 00
Hayward Bros., labor and material, East	1 00
S. W. Pratt, repairs on stoves, Union	18 39
H. A. Berry, labor and material, Union	7 63
H. A. Berry, labor and material, West	1 70
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	\$228 09

IMPROVEMENT OF IRON WORKS SCHOOL-HOUSE AND GROUNDS.

Paid Loud & Pratt, for lumber	\$324 00
George A. Cushing, for carpenter work	245 03
John A. Robertson, balustrade and posts for piazza	67 75
John A. Robertson, window frames, brackets, etc.	29 89
Watson & Bisbee, stairs	80 00
A. W. Hastings & Co., doors and sashes	30 34
George S. Baker, hardware	26 00
James West, painting	93 67
S. W. Pratt, tin roofing	20 76
John Kelly, cementing tin roof	7 35
Charles Wilson, underpinning and steps	61 00
Alden Bowditch, cutting and setting underpinning and steps	5 50
R. B. Carter, stone	2 50
Robert Orr, building fence, 145 feet at \$0.50	72 50
W. I. Jordan, ironposts	8 25
P. A. Wales & Son, pump and platform	36 00
B. J. Loring, labor on well and grading yard, $38\frac{9}{15}$ days at \$1.75 per day	68 08
B. J. Loring, cash paid for powder and fuse	4 00
B. J. Loring, use of tools and sharpening	5 35
Patrick Sullivan, labor, $33\frac{2}{5}$ days, \$1.50	50 10
William H. Renn, labor, $20\frac{8}{10}$ days, \$1.50	31 20
Patrick McCormick, labor, 3 days, \$1.50	4 50
Jacob Dexheimer, labor, $20\frac{9}{10}$ days, \$1.50	31 35
Jacob Dexheimer, labor, 17 days, \$1.62	27 54

Paid Andrew Gott, horse, cart, and self, $16\frac{1}{3}$ days, \$3,	\$49 00
Matthew Smith, horse, cart, and self, 3 days, \$3,	9 00
Mrs. Dolan, cleaning	5 25
John W. Dolan, cleaning	4 38
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	\$1,400 29

SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.

SAMUEL S. FRENCH, *Surveyor.*

S. S. French, labor, 92 days, at \$2 . . .	\$184 00
S. S. French, horse and cart, 133 days, at \$1.50	199 50
S. S. French, two horses, 18 days, at \$2.70,	48 60
S. S. French, lot of stone	2 25
S. S. French, powder and fuse	50
S. S. French, 73 loads gravel, \$0.08 . . .	5 84
Thomas Gannon, labor, $86\frac{4}{5}$ days, at \$1.50,	130 20
Thomas Gannon, labor, $13\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.25 .	16 87 $\frac{1}{2}$
John Rennie, labor, 43 days, at \$1.50 . .	64 75
John Rennie, labor, 6 days, at \$1.25 . . .	7 50
David Lane, labor, 53 days, at \$1.50 . . .	79 50
James McKinney, labor, $48\frac{4}{5}$ days, at \$1.50,	73 20
George E. Arnold, labor, 23 days, at \$1.50,	34 50
George E. Arnold, labor, $13\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.25,	16 87 $\frac{1}{2}$
J. E. Wheeler, labor, $20\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1 . . .	20 50
J. E. Wheeler, labor, 5 days, at \$0.75 . .	3 75
John McManners, labor, $47\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50,	71 25
John McManners, labor, 5 days, at \$1.25 .	6 25
Charles F. Saunders, labor, 12 days, at \$1.25,	15 00
David I. Moore, labor, 31 days, at \$1 . . .	31 00
Leonard Hunt, labor, $12\frac{1}{2}$ days, \$1.50 . . .	18 75
Elmer Dyer, labor, $10\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . .	15 75
John Slavin, labor, $24\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . .	36 75
Daniel Ahearn, labor, 44 days, at \$1.50 .	66 00
Daniel Ahearn, labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.25 .	5 62
James Scott, labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.25 . .	5 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Walter Anglim, labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1 . . .	4 50
Peter Mooney, labor, 2 days, at \$1.25 . . .	2 50
Charles Remington, labor, 3 days, at \$1.50,	4 50
B. F. Spear, labor, 5 days, at \$1.50 . . .	7 50
B. F. Spear, labor, 1 day	1 25
Thomas Briody, labor, 1 day	1 25
Adam Hobart, labor, $1\frac{1}{5}$ days	1 70
A. Warren Hobart, labor, 9 hours on fence,	1 57
James King, labor, 4 hours, at \$0.25 . . .	1 00
John Connor, labor, 6 hours, \$0.25 . . .	1 50

C. S. Chandler, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	\$0 50
E. T. Ellis, man, horse, and cart, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	1 50
George A. French, horse, and cart, 18 days, at \$1.50	\$27 00
Patrick Maguire, man, horse, and cart, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	1 50
Patrick Maguire, lot of stone	1 50
Patrick Maguire, drain pipe	60
Patrick Moils, man, horse, and cart, 1 day	3 00
Patrick Moils, stone truck	50
Edward Hobart, 2d, cart, 2 days, \$0.50; 5 posts, \$0 62 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Wm. H. Cobb, tools	2 95
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	24 95
H. H. Thayer, blacksmith work	9 63
Wild & Shay, repairing carts	19 20
Wild & Shay, painting carts	2 00
G. C. Hallenbeck, repairing cart	6 50
G. C. Hallenbeck, painting cart and scraper, Joseph Breck & Sons, tools	2 00 6 90
Warren M. Babbit, lot of stone	50
Warren M. Babbit, 20 loads gravel, at \$0.05,	1 00
E. A. Hollingsworth, 408 loads gravel, at \$0.08	32 64
Patrick Maguire, 55 loads gravel, at \$0.08	4 40
G. W. Thayer, 81 loads gravel	6 00
N. H. Hunt, 305 loads gravel, at \$0.08	24 40
G. W. White, 100 loads gravel, \$0.08	8 00
G. W. White, 5 posts	1 00
John Maginnis, lot of stone	4 00
A. W. Hobart, lot of stone	1 00
Thomas Finnegan, horse, cart, and man, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days	3 75
	<hr/> \$1,385 64 $\frac{1}{2}$
*Cr. by use of cart	\$18 00

THOMAS HILL, *Surveyor*.

Thomas Hill, labor, 101 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$2	\$203 00
Thomas Hill, two horses and carts, 67 days, at \$3	201 00
Moses Hunt, labor, 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.50	29 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Moses Hunt, horse, cart, and man, 3 days, at \$3	9 00
Daniel Flynn, labor, 9 days, at \$1.50	13 50
Josiah Holbrook, labor, 15 $\frac{5}{6}$ days, at \$1.50,	23 75

* Of the above bill \$29.70 was for repairs on carts and scraper.

William Spear, labor, 68½ days, at \$1 .	\$68 50
Henry Hayden, labor, 4 days, at \$1.50 .	6 00
John Holbrook, labor, 9 days, at \$1 .	9 00
Leonard Hunt, labor, 1½ days, at \$1.50 .	2 25
Leonard Hunt, self, horse, and cart, 5 days, at \$3	15 00
William Dickey, 2 days' work, at \$2 . .	4 00
B. C. Wales, self, horse, and cart 12 days, at \$3	36 00
Herbert Doane, labor, 15 days, at \$1.50 .	22 50
James McAlpine, labor, 11¼ days, at \$1.50 .	16 87½
John Mahar, labor, 12½ days, at \$1.50 .	18 75
G. D. Whitaker, labor, 18 days, at \$1 50 .	27 00
Thomas Arthur, self, horse, and cart 3 days, at \$3	9 00
Michael Keene, labor, 1 day	1 50
James Riley, labor, 38¾ days, at \$1.50 .	58 12½
George Hill, self, horse, and cart, 27¼ days, at \$3	81 75
John Hill, self, horse, and cart, 3½ days, at \$3	10 50
Asaph T. Arnold, labor, 14 days, at \$1.50 .	21 00
Willard Hunt, labor, 25¼ days, at \$1.50 .	37 87½
William Hill, self, horse, and cart, 14½ days, at \$2.50	36 25
Samuel Hill, labor, 11¼ days, at \$1.50 .	16 87½
Samuel Hill, self, horse, and cart, 23¾ days, at \$3	71 25
Thomas Hill, Jr., labor, 20 days, at \$1 .	20 00
John Hennessey, labor, 22¾ days, at \$1.50,	34 12½
Charles H. Mann, labor, 30¼ days, at \$1.50,	45 37½
S. W. Hollis, gravel, 1.463 loads, at \$0.10 .	146 30
David Thayer, gravel, 529 loads, at \$0.06 .	31 74
L. Lynch, blacksmith work	6 10
J. Breck & Sons, tools	50
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	8 34
Thomas Hill, 23 cedar posts	3 75
	————— \$1,346 10½
Cr. by use of cart	8 25

ALBERT HOBART, *Surveyor*.

Albert Hobart, labor, self and horse, 45¼ days, at \$2.50	\$113 13
Albert Hobart, horse, cart, and man, 78¾ days, at \$3	236 25
Albert Hobart, horse and cart, 8½ days, at \$1.50	12 75

Albert Hobart, two-horse team, 2 days, at \$4.50	\$9 00
Albert Hobart, two-horse team, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$4	6 00
Albert Hobart, two-horse team, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	1 50
Albert Hobart, horse, cart, and man, 7 days, at \$2.85	19 95
Albert Hobart, drawing stone	1 00
Albert Hobart, 2,545 paving stones, at \$0.0 $\frac{1}{2}$,	12 72
Albert Hobart, 24 ft. drain pipe and carting,	5 30
Albert Hobart, 2 cartridges and fuse	50
Albert Hobart, tools	3 01
Albert Hobart, moving stone on Allen Street	1 50
William Mills, labor, $18\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50	27 75
C. Remington, labor, $27\frac{1}{5}$ days, at \$1.50	40 80
R. M. Loring, labor, $40\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1.50	60 38
William S. Pierce, labor, $50\frac{1}{2}\frac{3}{8}$ days, at \$1.50	75 98
T. P. Fogg, labor, $55\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1.50	82 88
E. A. Harris, labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50	5 25
Nathaniel White, labor, $13\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.50,	20 63
Patrick Cronan, labor, $6\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1.50	9 38
Frank McDonald, labor, $7\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1.50	10 88
T. J. Griffin, labor, $7\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1.50	10 88
Michael Bentley, labor, $7\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1.50	10 88
Patrick Hennegan, labor, $6\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.50,	10 13
G. F. Buker, labor, 6 days, at \$1.50	9 00
John Renn, labor, $2\frac{3}{5}$ days, at \$1.50	3 90
James Toomey, labor, 8 days, at \$1.50	12 00
James Croke, labor, $3\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.25	4 69
James Chambers, labor, $1\frac{4}{5}$ days, at \$1.50,	2 70
William Hawkes, labor, $4\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.25	5 94
John Bates, labor, 1 day	1 50
Terence Star, labor, 2 days	3 00
Alfred F. Smith, labor, $1\frac{2}{5}$ days	2 10
Patrick McCormick, labor, 1 day	1 50
B. J. Loring, labor, $\frac{9}{10}$ day	1 35
S. S. Kittrell, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days	2 25
Luke Mulligan, labor, $3\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.25	4 69
George E. Fogg, horse, cart, and man, 1 day	2 85
George E. Fogg, horse and man, $\frac{4}{10}$ day	1 20
George E. Fogg, horse and cart, $\frac{4}{10}$ day	75
George E. Fogg, man and 2 horses plowing,	2 15
George E. Fogg, man and 2 horses plowing, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days	15 75
George E. Fogg, 2 horses and man, $14\frac{7}{10}$ days	64 58

J. F. Sheppard, 2 horses, cart, and man, $13\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$4.50	\$60 75	
J. F. Sheppard, horse, cart, and man, 9 days, at \$3.00	27 00	
J. F. Sheppard, 1 horse, cart, and man, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$3.00	9 98	
J. F. Sheppard, 2 horses, cart, and man, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$4.50	15 75	
J. M. Allen, 2 horses, cart, and man, 12 days, at \$4.50	54 00	
J. M. Allen, 2 horses, cart, and man, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$4.50	15 75	
Minot Newton, horse and cart, $8\frac{3}{4}$ days	13 13	
Minot Newton, horse, cart, and man, 5 days, at \$3.00	15 00	
N. M. Hobart, horse, cart, and man, $\frac{3}{4}$ day	2 25	
N. M. Hobart, two horses, cart, and man, 1 day	4 50	
N. M. Hobart, 20 loads stone at \$0.25	5 00	
E. A. Harris, 100 tons stone at \$0.10	10 00	
Eben Denton, road scraper	5 00	
J. M. Harris, moving stone	25 00	
R. B. Carter, covering stone	4 00	
S. W. Gutterson, repairing gutter	1 50	
Robert Gillespie, blacksmith work	90	
W. I. Jordan, blacksmith work	9 80	
Francis Leben, 47 loads gravel, at \$0.10	4 70	
Caleb Stetson, 1,273 loads gravel at \$0.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	159 12	
	<hr/>	\$1,373 46
Cr. by use of cart	3 60	

SURVEYORS' ACCOUNT FOR FEBRUARY, 1879.

Michael Brandley, cash paid as per vouchers,	\$17 33	
Thomas Hill, cash paid as per vouchers	2 38	
	<hr/>	19 71
Total cost of highways		<hr/> \$4,124 91

DRAWBRIDGE.

S. F. Whitmarsh, superintendent, salary	\$100 00
S. F. Whitmarsh, labor and stock, repairing	2 00
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	38 77
T. B. Bagley, labor and material on buoys	10 50
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	\$151 27

REMOVING SNOW.

Michael Brandley, cash paid as per vouchers . . .	\$61 98
Thomas Hill, cash paid as per vouchers . . .	116 87
Albert Hobart, cash paid as per vouchers . . .	45 64
S. S. French, cash paid as per vouchers . . .	19 75
E. T. Ellis, cash paid as per vouchers . . .	9 00
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	\$253 24

GRADING HOLBROOK AVENUE.

S. S. French, labor, $6\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$2 . . .	\$13 50
S. S. French, horse and cart, $9\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	14 25
Edward DeYoung, labor, $5\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.25 . . .	7 18
John DeYoung, labor, $5\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1.25 . . .	6 56
W. J. Wheeler, labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1 00 . . .	6 50
James McKenney, labor, 2 days, at \$1.25 . . .	2 50
Thomas Gannon, labor, $1\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	1 87
David Lane, labor, 1 day . . .	1 25
John Rennie, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day . . .	62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Old Colony R. R., 135 loads gravel at \$0.08 . . .	10 80
Louis Gomez, 13 loads gravel, at \$0.05 . . .	65
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	\$65 68 $\frac{1}{2}$

GRADING ELLIOT STREET.

Albert Hobart, labor, self and horse, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$2.50, . . .	\$16 25
Albert Hobart, horse and cart, $14\frac{8}{10}$ days . . .	22 20
Albert Hobart, man, 40 hours, at \$0.15 . . .	6 00
Albert Hobart, powder, cartridge, and fuse . . .	1 95
Albert Hobart, two shovels . . .	1 76
Minot Newton, horse, cart, and man, 44 hours . . .	13 94
George E. Fogg, self and two horses . . .	10 25
B. J. Loring, labor, 90 hours, at \$0.15 . . .	13 50
Patrick Sullivan, labor, 9 hours, \$0.15 . . .	1 35
Wm. S. Pierce, labor, 32 hours, \$0.15 . . .	4 80
T. J. Griffin, labor, 94 hours, \$0.15 . . .	14 10
James Chambers, labor, 94 hours, at \$0.15 . . .	14 10
Terence Star, labor, 85 hours, at \$0.15 . . .	12 75
James Kelly, labor, 103 hours, at \$0 15 . . .	15 45
William Orr, labor, 58 hours, at \$0.15 . . .	8 70
T. P. Fogg, labor, 89 hours, at \$0.15 . . .	13 35
Jacob Dexheimer, labor, 72 hours, at \$0.15 . . .	10 80
John Renn, labor, 72 hours, at \$0.15 . . .	10 80
Robert Gillespie, sharpening tools . . .	2 65
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	\$194 70
Credit by cash paid treasurer . . .	5 30
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	\$200 00
Amount of appropriation . . .	200 00

EXTENSION OF ALLEN STREET.

Paid R. B. Carter, as per contract . . . \$1,950 00

ALMSHOUSE.

Appraisal Feb. 1, 1879 . . .	\$1,802 46
Esek T. Ellis, superintendent . . .	300 00
Braintree School Fund, rent . . .	200 00
Braintree School Fund, wood . . .	7 00
E. F. E. Thayer, standing wood . . .	45 25
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries . . .	203 14
N. R. Proctor, groceries . . .	14 43
Braintree Clothing Store, clothing for inmates . . .	54 30
J. Marcus Arnold, groceries . . .	136 92
E. H. Waitt & Co., groceries . . .	196 59
H. M. White, groceries . . .	53 29
Joel F. Sheppard, coal . . .	25 43
Ambler & Hobart, grain and meal . . .	205 80
Albert Tirrell, three pigs . . .	26 25
Howard M. Hobart, repairing harness . . .	1 50
Joseph I. Bates, drain-pipe . . .	1 20
Simon Bennet, labor, mowing salt marsh . . .	20 00
Wm. A. Hodges, bread and crackers . . .	35 49
T. W. Sampson, meat . . .	10 28
C. B. Woodsum, expressing . . .	1 15
E. B. Holmes, fish and clams . . .	8 46
A. J. Towns, ice . . .	17 00
Isaac N. Dyer, 14 feet wood . . .	8 50
A. A. Linnell, grate . . .	85
Edward Shay, blacksmith work . . .	28 60
Julia F. Hayward, medicine . . .	32
Harvey S. Page, medicine . . .	19 78
W. A. Kane, dry goods . . .	8 03
Noah Torrey, medical attendance on inmates . . .	16 00
G. C. Hallenbeck, funeral of Isaac Wild . . .	15 00
Henry Mann, meat . . .	4 18
H. J. Cushing, meat . . .	2 91
J. W. Hollis, meat . . .	82 95
E. T. Ellis, cash paid sundry bills . . .	68 72
S. W. Hollis, services as overseer . . .	25 00
S. W. Hollis, services on account of tramps, . . .	20 00
A. Allen, services as overseer . . .	12 00
A. O. Clark, services as overseer . . .	25 00
A. O. Clark, services on account of tramps . . .	20 00
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ALMSHOUSE CREDITS.

Appraisal, Feb. 2, 1880	\$1,897 39	
Cash received for labor and produce . .	378 53	
	<hr/>	\$2,275 92
Total cost of poor in almshouse		<hr/> \$1,447 86

INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

	AGE.	DAYS.	
Isaac Wild	63	334	
George W. Hall	53	365	
Mary A. Littlefield	62	365	
William Wild	64	365	
Sally White	74	365	
Jere. Sexton	69	365	
Thomas Buker	45	365	
Maria Kelley	18	365	
George Littlefield	53	365	
Eliza Harrington	19	260	
Nellie Harrington	2	260	
Caroline Littlefield	65	229	
George Welsh	16	109	
F. W. Cook	19	91	
Adelaide Holbrook	38	70	
Joseph Gunning	66	8	
Margaret Gunning	50	8	
Rose Gerrold	19	3	
Lawrence Lynch	50	1	
528 tramps		528	
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Total number of days		4,821	
Total number of weeks		688 $\frac{5}{7}$	
Cost of poor per week		\$2.10 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Received of town of Holbrook			\$52 00
Due from town of South Abington			39 00

The auditors, in taking the valuation of the Town Farm, have the pleasure to state to the citizens of the town, that we have found evidence of good management in each department; that the superintendent and matron have faithfully discharged the duties intrusted to them, and deserve the grateful recognition of the same. The inmates appear contented and happy. Abundance of provisions, the product of the farm, appears on the premises.

J. A. ARNOLD.
JOHN B. ARNOLD.
JOHN M. BEALS.

POOR OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Taunton Hospital, support of C. E. Thayer . . .	\$204 96
Taunton Hospital, support of Jacob Veazie . . .	213 57
Taunton Hospital, support of William Kincaide . . .	181 11
Taunton Hospital, support of John Hennesey . . .	216 80
Northampton Hospital, support of Mary Goodman . . .	168 96
City of Boston, aid to Mary Bailey	4 37
City of Boston, aid to Bridget Callahan	37 16
City of Boston, aid to John Hanlon's child	12 13
City of Boston, aid to Mary E. Hussey	4 23
City of Boston, aid to Rachel Nash	60 00
City of Boston, aid to Anna Wild	8 85
City of Boston, aid to Mary Friel	61 38
City of Boston, aid to Mary Nolan	2 00
City of Boston, aid to William Tobin	11 38
C. W. Smith, aid to Michael Stanton	59 00
C. W. Smith, aid to Philip Magee	42 00
C. W. Smith, aid to T. J. Dalton	33 00
C. W. Smith, aid to John F. Sheehan	31 18
C. W. Smith, aid to Frederic Brooks	51 00
C. W. Smith, aid to Maria Barton	34 00
C. W. Smith, aid to Napoleon Tellier	12 00
C. W. Smith, aid to Terence Star	4 00
C. W. Smith, aid to John Flood	18 00
C. W. Smith, aid to John T. Doyle	26 00
C. W. Smith, aid to Michael McCormick	2 00
C. W. Smith, aid to Francis Gorman	132 00
C. W. Smith, aid to Patrick F. McGuire	72 50
C. W. Smith, aid to Mrs. P. Howard	3 90
C. W. Smith, aid to Patrick Lynch	26 00
C. W. Smith, aid to Tristram Dalton	9 00
C. W. Smith, aid to James McKenney	5 00
C. W. Smith, aid to Ann Kelley	11 00
C. W. Smith, aid to Mrs. Nolan	14 00
C. W. Smith, aid to Mrs. Corkery	16 00
N. R. Proctor, aid to Mrs. Nolan	2 00
Aid to Elizabeth Walsh and children	104 00
T. E. Sullivan, aid to Ann Kelley	5 00
T. E. Sullivan, moving pauper	1 00
L. R. Barnes & A. L. Cole, care of pauper	5 00
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to Mrs. Giles	3 75
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to T. J. Dalton	8 80
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to Jane Smith	3 75
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to Michael McCormick	7 53
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to John F. Sheehan	2 75
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to Mrs. Howard	21 60
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to Mrs. Kelley	21 40

Joel F. Sheppard, coal to P. Magee	\$3 50
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to Frederic Brooks	16 40
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to William Walsh	5 10
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to James McKenney	9 00
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to John T. Doyle	3 40
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to P. F. McGuire	5 51
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to Edward Huff	3 00
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to T. B. Coffin	6 75
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to Mrs. Nolan	17 15
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to Tristram Dalton	9 00
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to Michael Mullarkey	7 80
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to Terence Star	10 38
Joel F. Sheppard, coal to Francis Gorman	6 63
C. W. Smith, aid to Michael Mullarkey	3 00
C. W. Smith, aid to George Buker	2 00
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to Mrs. Moore	14 00
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to Edward Huff	27 09
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to T. B. Coffin	15 02
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to Ludo. Holbrook	78 08
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to J. Frank Holbrook,	39 08
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to Betsey Wild	18 95
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to J. E. Wheeler	24 05
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries to Mrs. E. Nightingale	2 37
Morrill Williams, support to Charles Hayden	26 01
Kane & Waitt, aid to Thomas Gannon	7 00
Kane & Waitt, aid to Mrs. Smith	5 00
Kane & Waitt, aid to poor person (refunded)	4 00
E. H. Waitt & Co., groceries for Mrs. A. L. Cole	30 00
J. M. Arnold, groceries for Mrs. Nolan	4 00
J. M. Arnold, groceries for George Carney. . . .	6 00
J. M. Arnold, groceries for S. G. Leavitt	12 00
J. M. Arnold, groceries for S. F. Harrington	1 25
H. M. White, groceries to family of Eugene Langley	78 00
H. M. White, groceries to family of George B. Jones	29 00
H. M. White, groceries to Mrs. J. B. Moore	14 00
H. M. White, groceries to Mrs. E. Nightingale	17 00
H. M. White, groceries to family of James E. Wheeler	12 00
James Wilson, groceries to Mrs. Howard	3 00
James Wilson, groceries to Mrs. Nolan	2 00
James Wilson, groceries to Patrick Lynch	3 00
James Wilson, groceries to Frederic Brooks	3 00
James Wilson, groceries to P. Magee	1 00
James Wilson, groceries to J. T. Doyle	15 00
James Wilson, groceries to George Buker	22 00
James Wilson, groceries to P. F. McGuire	6 00

James Wilson, groceries to Terence Star . . .	\$16 00
William Bowditch, groceries to T. J. Dalton . . .	30 00
William Bowditch, groceries to William Walsh . . .	12 00
William Bowditch, groceries to Mrs Howard . . .	52 00
William Bowditch, groceries to P. Magee . . .	2 00
William Bowditch, groceries to Tristram Dalton . . .	3 00
William Bowditch, groceries to Michael Mullarkey . . .	21 00
William Bowditch, groceries to Mrs. Smith . . .	16 00
William Bowditch, groceries to Mrs. Nolan . . .	3 87
William Bowditch, groceries to Terence Star . . .	2 00
William Bowditch, groceries to M. McCormick . . .	6 00
John Crane, shoes for F. Gorman . . .	4 60
John Crane, shoes for Michael Stanton . . .	3 10
John Crane, shoes for Wm. Walsh . . .	1 00
John Crane, shoes for Mrs. Kelly . . .	1 65
John Crane, shoes for P. Lynch . . .	5 60
John Crane, shoes for Mrs. Howard . . .	11 75
John Crane, shoes for Fred. Brooks . . .	1 00
John Crane, shoes for P. F. McGuire . . .	1 87
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance on Mrs. Howard . . .	6 00
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance on Mrs. Giles . . .	2 00
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance on Mrs. Delia Hayden . . .	1 00
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance on P. F. McGuire . . .	1 00
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance on Mrs. J. Gunning . . .	3 00
Wm. O. Faxon, medical attendance on Mrs. P. Magee, . . .	5 67
Wm. O. Faxon, medical attendance on A. L. Cole . . .	26 67
Noah Torrey, medical attendance on Edward Huff . . .	1 00
Noah Torrey, medical attendance on James E. Wheeler, . . .	7 00
Noah Torrey, rent for Lewis B. Tirrell . . .	10 00
H. B. Perkins, coal for Mrs. Nightingale . . .	19 00
H. B. Perkins, coal for Mrs. L. B. Tirrell . . .	4 00
Julia F. Hayward, medicine for J. E. Wheeler . . .	3 32
Julia F. Hayward, medicine for Mrs. Moore . . .	30
Harvey S. Page, medicine for Mrs. J. F. Holbrook . . .	5 35
Harvey S. Page, medicine for S. G. Leavitt . . .	50
E. L. Warren, medicine for Mrs. Dalton . . .	4 50
E. L. Warren, medicine for Mrs. Howard . . .	2 22
Alfred Wyman, medicine for F. Gorman . . .	9 40
Alfred Wyman, medicine for Mrs. Howard . . .	2 11
William Bowker, rent for Willard and Betsey Wild . . .	31 28
F. H. Vinton, rent for P. Magee . . .	4 00
J. B. Allen, wood for Tristram Dalton . . .	10 50
J. B. Allen, wood for Mrs. Howard . . .	3 00
J. B. Allen, wood for Wm. Tobin . . .	3 00
J. B. Allen, wood for Timothy Collins . . .	87
Ford & McCormick, funeral expense of Ellen F. Howard . . .	15 00

G. C. Hallenbeck, funeral of Willard Wild . . .	\$15 00
E. H. Waitt & Co., groceries to Jane Smith . . .	3 00
George F. Wilson, groceries to Wm. Mulligan . . .	39 00
George F. Wilson, groceries to Edgar Fogg . . .	4 00
George F. Wilson, groceries to Jane Smith . . .	2 00
John Y. Gillespie, rent for P. F. McGuire . . .	28 00
Aid to Austin L. Cole and family . . .	18 00
James M. Thayer, goods to Mrs. Nightingale . . .	6 00
James M. Thayer, goods to Andrew Nightingale . . .	3 00
G. C. Hallenbeck, funeral of A. L. Cole . . .	15 00
W. K. Baker & Son, removing paupers . . .	19 93
Margaret Wall, nursing Mrs. Gorman . . .	1 25
Cyrus Patch, coal for Wm. Mulligan . . .	3 62
Town of Duxbury, aid to Samuel Whitmarsh . . .	4 00
Braintree Clothing Store, shoes for Nightingale boy . . .	1 90
Asa Robbins, aid to Mrs. L. B. Tirrell . . .	8 00
Edward Hobart, wood to Mrs. Giles . . .	6 00
R. W. Turner, coal to A. M. Nightingale . . .	4 00
R. W. Turner, coal to Andrew Nightingale . . .	3 50
George W. White, rent for Newell Langley . . .	52 00
Henry Mann, meat to T. B. Coffin . . .	3 00
Esek T. Ellis, wood to Betsey Wild . . .	5 50
Esek T. Ellis, digging grave for Willard Wild . . .	2 00
Esek T. Ellis, removing paupers . . .	11 00
R. A. Thayer, wood for Mrs. Nightingale . . .	3 25
Town of Methuen, aid to Mrs. James Carrigan . . .	16 50
Town of Weymouth, aid to Thomas A. Kelley . . .	15 00
Town of Weymouth, aid to Miss Nason . . .	26 25
Town of Randolph, aid for J. F. Holbrook . . .	27 08
Town of Randolph, aid for Mrs. Elbridge Hayden and child . . .	12 00
Town of Randolph, aid for Amanda S. Langley . . .	1 03
Town of Randolph, aid for Andrew Nightingale . . .	7 00
Town of Quincy, aid for Patrick Newman . . .	17 75
Town of Quincy, aid for Delia Hayden . . .	7 90
Town of Quincy, aid for C. F. Arnold . . .	46 00
City of Cambridge, aid for Joseph Gunning . . .	57 90
Town of Brockton, aid for Jacob C. Snow and family . . .	53 00
Town of Brockton, aid for Elbridge J. Snow . . .	18 00
S. W. Hollis, services as overseer . . .	100 00
S. W. Hollis, cash expenses . . .	20 50
S. W. Hollis, use of team . . .	25 75
A. Allen, services as overseer . . .	100 00
A. Allen, cash expenses . . .	7 24
A. Allen, use of team . . .	3 00
A. O. Clark, services as overseer . . .	75 00
A. O. Clark, cash expenses . . .	8 34

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By cash from town of Holbrook, aid to Elizabeth Walsh and family	\$104 00
By cash, from town of Randolph, aid to Mrs. Howard,	119 68
By cash, aid to Austin L. Cole	89 67
By cash, aid to Mrs. Giles	11 75
Due from town of Weymouth, aid to J. F. Sheehan	33 93
Due from town of Weymouth, aid to N. Tellier	12 00
Due from city of Boston, aid to J. E. Wheeler	46 37
Due from city of Boston, aid to Michael McCormick	15 53
Due from city of Boston, aid to George Carney	6 00
Due from city of Haverhill, aid to Frank Gorman	153 88
Due from town of Stoughton, aid to P. F. McGuire	122 88
Due from town of Plymouth, aid to John T. Doyle	44 40
Due from town of Hingham, aid to Michael Stanton	62 10
Due from town of Danvers, aid to James Magee	58 17
Due from town of Easton, aid to Lewis B. Tirrell	22 00
Cash from town of Duxbury, aid to A. M. Nightingale,	7 00
Cash refunded	4 00
Due from the State, aid to Mrs. J. B. Moore	28 30
Due from the State, aid to Thomas Gannon	7 00
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	\$948 66

Total cost of poor out of almshouse \$2,936 34

TAUNTON LUNATIC HOSPITAL.

To cash paid for board of insane persons	\$246 85
By cash refunded (see treasurer's account).	

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Cash paid families of soldiers from Feb. 1, 1879, to Feb. 1, 1880, bill sent and due	\$1,185 25
Bill sent and due for January, 1879	99 25

SOLDIERS' AID. (LAW OF 1879).

Cash paid to Charles F. Arnold	\$79 00
Cash paid to Frederic Brooks	107 00
Cash paid to George B. Jones	50 00
Cash paid to Charles L. Holbrook	88 50
Cash paid to Jacob C. Snow	58 00
Cash paid to Edward Huff	9 00

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Due from the State	\$195 75
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GRAND ARMY APPROPRIATION.

M. A. Perkins, appropriation	\$150 00
M. A. Perkins, cash returned to treasurer	54 00
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	\$96 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Asa T. Pratt, services as Fish Commissioner	\$10 00
Q. L. Reed, surveying	27 00
Rand & Avery, printing town and school reports	156 65
George C. Thayer, printing notices and blanks	12 25
E. F. E. Thayer, insurance	50 00
A. Allen, insurance	64 75
Josiah Shaw, examination of drawbridge	3 00
John E. Cheney, making estimate on bridge	10 00
Nathaniel White, services surveying line between Braintree and Weymouth	1 00
A. N. White, services surveying	1 00
Ford & McCormick, returning deaths	3 25
G. C. Hallenbeck, returning deaths	6 50
Samuel Curtis, returning deaths	3 00
John Cronin, horse hire	1 00
J. B. Allen, drilling holes, Middle Street (1878)	9 50
Day & Pratt, two books	2 00
Winkley Thorp & Dresser, order book and stationery,	11 70
Luther Briggs & Co., drawings for almshouse	50 00
E. C. Bumpus, expenses in Julia Hawks' case	66 00
R. M. Pulsifer & Co., advertising	15 75
A. W. Goodnow, watching fires	1 25
Simeon Thayer, watching fires	1 25
Joseph Dyer, collector's deeds	123 52
Norfolkregister of deeds, recording deeds	2 34
Joseph I. Bates, repairing pump, dipper, and chain	4 25
J. F. Bates, distributing town report	50
B. J. Loring, Jr., horse hire	1 00
B. J. Loring, Jr., posting warrants	3 00
Joseph A. Arnold, services on Almshouse Committee	10 00
Thomas South, pump handle	1 00
C. B. Woodsum, expressing	5 85
Wild & Shay, repairs on carriage	6 50
W. A. Green, repairing clock at Town Hall	3 50
C. G. Easterbrooks, printing warrants, notices, etc.	9 75
S. A. F. Mansfield, road signs	2 00
F. A. Hobart, services and expenses as committee be- fore the Legislature on division of the town	21 00

F. A. Hobart, services and expenses as committee before the Legislature on petition of Thayer Academy	\$11 00
Eben Denton, services and expenses as committee before the Legislature, on division of the town .	10 00
Eben Denton, services and expenses as committee before the Legislature, on petition of Thayer Academy,	5 00
Eben Denton, services as committee on bridge . . .	10 00
Henry Gardner, services as committee before the Legislature, on division of the town	20 00
Henry Gardner, services as committee on widening road at Hobart's Mill	5 00
D. H. B. Thayer, carriage hire for committee and constables	6 50
R. B. Carter, lot of covering stone	8 00
Julia F. Hayward, 100 postage stamps	3 00
Galen E. Pratt, truant officer	4 00
Noah Torrey, writing deed, taking affidavit, etc. . .	2 50
Town of Quincy, use of lock-up, two years . . .	73 00
"Braintree Observer," advertising and printing . .	46 00
B. J. Loring, Jr., meals furnished prisoners . . .	2 50
B. J. Loring, Jr., posting and serving road notices .	2 00
G. F. Leonard, cash paid for repairing pump . . .	1 00
E. T. Ellis, distributing town reports	5 00
S. A. Bates, returning and recording 36 marriages .	5 40
S. A. Bates, returning and recording 64 deaths . .	14 90
S. A. Bates, returning and recording 81 births . . .	40 50
S. A. Bates, cash paid for stamps and stationery . .	3 07
N. L. White, services and expenses as committee before the Legislature, on division of the town .	15 00
James A. Reynolds, land damages, Elliot Street .	10 00
S. W. Hollis, cash expenses	8 00
S. W. Hollis, use of team	15 00
A. Allen, cash expenses	8 82
A. Allen, use of team	10 00
A. Allen, cash paid for collector's book	2 00
A. O. Clark, cash expenses	18 14
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	\$1,066 39

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Of Town Hall, High School, Pond School, and Public Library, G. F. Leonard	\$600 00
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TOWN HALL.

E. H. Waite & Co., oil and chimneys	\$5 55
Kane & Waite, oil	1 25

M. L. Tupper, repairs	\$5 25
A. A. Linnell, repair of stoves	2 50
A. A. Linnell, cuspidores and repairing boiler	3 10
Wm. H. Cobb, hammer	75
Michael Brandley, coal	8 98
P. D. Holbrook & Co., oil, chimneys, brushes, etc.	20 59
E. T. Ellis, kindlings	9 00
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	\$56 97

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By cash paid Treasurer	\$170 00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

UNION ENGINE, No. 1.

John Cavanagh & Son, raising and levelling engine house	\$18 00
John Cavanagh & Son, labor and use of blocks and screws	16 00
John M. Walsh, spanners, belts, and straps	10 60
J. E. Eastwood, pay of forty-eight men	240 00
Hunneman & Co., repairing hose	6 75
R. M. Loring, steward	35 00
C. Mischler, painting house	21 00
Hunneman & Co., 200 feet extra hose	180 00
E. R. Waterman, wheel jack and expressing	3 00
Michael Brandley, taking engine to Boston and hauling out relief machine	6 00
A. W. Blanchard & Co., 1,000 bills	3 00
A. J. Sims, stools and settees	6 00
John M. Walsh, covers for stern box and hose-carriage	4 50
John M. Walsh, sponge	60
C. W. Smith, stationery and books	9 25
C. W. Smith, shovel, \$0.70 ; oils, etc., \$1.10	1 80
J. F. Shepard, coal	6 75
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	\$568 25

BUTCHER BOY, ENGINE No. 2.

A. A. Linnell, lanterns, etc.	\$0 90
F. B. Parks, repairing lanterns	75
Edward Shay, pay of 47 men	235 00
L. W. Thayer, removing snow and ice	2 00
L. W. Thayer, steward	17 50
E. M. Thayer, steward	17 50
Hunneman & Co., 200 feet rubber hose	150 00

Hunneman & Co., repairs on hose and engine, etc.	\$30 50
Conrad Mischler, painting house	21 00
J. T. Mellus, printing 100 By-Laws	6 00
H. B. Perkins, coal	2 75
E. T. Ellis, kindlings	3 00

\$486 90

WAMPATUCK HOOK AND LADDER.

Peter Donahue, steward	\$25 00
S. W. Hollis, pay of 22 men	110 00
Myron L. Hobart, repairs on house	1 50
N. R. Proctor, oil, chimneys, etc.	96
Conrad Mischler, painting house	21 00
Thomas Hill, carting 8 loads gravel	4 00
Charles Burch, pay as member	5 00
C. Mischler, painting	20 50
Pierce & Sanborn, tinning bell deck	9 00
Pierce & Sanborn, repairing stove	2 00

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ENGINEERS.

Thomas Penniman, services as engineer	\$5 00
B. J. Loring, services as engineer, 2 years	10 00
Wm. M. Richards, services as engineer	5 00
Thomas South, services as engineer, 2 years	10 00
C. W. Proctor, services as engineer	5 00
J. T. Stevens, services as engineer	5 00
Wm. Allen, services as engineer, 2 years	10 00
Wm. Allen, 100 postal cards and stationery	1 37

\$51 37

Total cost of fire department . . . \$1,305 48

ABATEMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.

Heirs of Gardner C. Mansfield	\$1 75
Joseph Dyer, tax bill of 1877	2 00
Eunice Arnold, tax of 1879	96
Austin White, tax of 1879	62 40
Julia F. Hayward, tax of 1879	6 72
Marcia G. Child, tax of 1879	4 08
D. A. Brooks, tax of 1879	9 60
W. L. Wainwright, tax of 1879	9 60
I. P. Morrison, tax of 1879	4 80
Josiah Penniman, tax of 1879	6 72
S. E. Brackett, tax of 1879	48 00
B. T. Loring, tax of 1878	10 00

J. Dyer, tax of Otis S. Whiting	\$2 00
D. H. Bates, tax of 1879	4 92
Joseph Dyer, collector, abatement of tax bill of 1878 .	91 50
Joseph Dyer, collector, abatement of tax bill of 1879 .	98 52
Joseph Dyer, collecting tax of 1877	191 19
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	\$554 76

POLICE.

Isaac Porter, salary for February, 1879	50 00
J. F. Bates, salary for February, 1879	50 00
B. J. Loring, Jr., salary for February, 1879	50 00
T. B. Stoddard	3 00
B. J. Loring, Jr.	3 22
Munroe Belcher, special police 4th of July	2 00
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	\$158 22

TOWN LANDS.

E. T. Ellis, horse, cart, and 4 men, 4 days, at \$4.50 .	\$18 00
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PUBLIC LIBRARY.

N. F. T. Hayden, appropriation	\$450 00
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PLAIN STREET CEMETERY.

B. F. Spear, labor, $18\frac{4}{10}$ days, at \$1.50	\$27 60
I. F. Vinton, labor, 5 days, at \$1.50	7 50
I. F. Vinton, horse, 1 day	1 00
B. J. Loring, Jr., labor on gates	1 20
B. J. Loring, Jr., cash paid for gate hooks	24
John Cronin, horse hire	1 00
A. Allen, superintendence, and use of team	4 50
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	\$43 04
Credit by cash paid treasurer	6 96
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	\$50 00
Amount of appropriation	\$50 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

S. W. Hollis, selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor	\$300 00
Abijah Allen, selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor	306 25

A. O. Clark, selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor	\$275 00
Jonathan French, treasurer	200 00
Samuel A. Bates, town clerk	35 00
N. L. White, school committee	50 00
F. Barrett, school committee	60 00
T. H. Dearing, school committee	50 00
G. H. Arnold, school committee	50 00
J. M. Cutting, school committee	50 00
E. A. Newton, school committee	50 00
J. M. Beals, auditor, 1878	11 00
J. B. Arnold, auditor	7 50
Eben Denton, auditor	7 50
J. F. Bates, constable	3 00
B. J. Loring, Jr., constable	4 00
Isaac Porter, constable	3 00
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	\$1,462 25

RECAPITULATION.

Orders drawn for —

Schools	\$7,607 36
Incidental expenses of schools	340 10
Incidental expenses of school-houses	228 09
Appropriation for school apparatus	113 34
Appropriation for Iron Works school-house	1,400 00
Almshouse	1,921 32
Poor out of the almshouse	3,885 00
Drawbridge	151 27
Hospitals	246 85
Highways	4,124 91
Contract to build new road	1,950 00
Removing snow	253 24
Incidental expenses	1,066 39
Town officers	1,462 25
Police	158 22
State aid	1,185 25
Military aid to soldiers	391 50
Janitor	600 00
Town Hall.	56 97
Town land	18 00
Abatement and collection of taxes	554 76
Library	450 00
Fire department	1,305 48
Cemetery	50 00
Grand Army	150 00
Grading Elliot Street	200 00

Grading Holbrook Avenue	\$65 68
Widening Shaw Street	200 00
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	\$30,135 89
466 orders drawn for	30,135 89

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, and find them well kept, with proper vouchers for all payments, and we fully believe the accounts and affairs of the town have been carefully and judiciously managed.

J. A. ARNOLD.
JOHN B. ARNOLD.
JOHN M. BEALS.

ASSESSORS' ACCOUNT.

Support of schools	\$6,800 00
Highways and bridges	4,000 00
Interest on town debt	3,000 00
Town officers	1,200 00
Incidental expenses	1,000 00
Support of poor	4,500 00
Grand Army of the Republic	150 00
Fire department	1,300 00
Public library	450 00
Incidentals for schools	300 00
Janitor	600 00
Removing snow	1,000 00
New street, from Shaw Street to Quincy Avenue	1,500 00
Apparatus for public schools	200 00
Plain Street Cemetery	50 00
Iron Works School-house	600 00
State tax	750 00
County tax	1,969 20
Overlay	1,292 02
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	\$30,661 22

Appropriation necessary for the ensuing year: —

Schools	\$6,800 00	7,000
Highways	4,000 00	
Interest on town debt	3,000 00	
Reduction of town debt	2,000 00	
Town officers	1,500 00	1,200
Incidental expenses	1,200 00	1,000
Support of the poor	4,500 00	4,000
Grand Army	150 00	
Fire department	1,300 00	

Allen Dr 200.00 31

Public Library	\$450 00	
Incidental expenses of schools	200 00	225.00
Incidental expenses of school-houses	200 00	225.00
Janitor	600 00	
Removing snow	1,000 00	
Completion of Elliot Street	300 00	
	<u>\$27,200 00</u>	

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT, FEB. 1, 1880.

JOSEPH DYER, *Collector.*

DR.

Balance tax-bill of 1877	\$96 40	
Interest on same	13 82	
	<u> </u>	\$110 22

CR.

By cash paid treasurer	<u>\$110 22</u>
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DR.

Balance tax-bill, 1878	\$2,203 07	
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1879	217 50	
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1879, interest	43 75	
	<u>\$2,464 32</u>	
Interest on bills collected	63 53	
	<u> </u>	\$2,527 85

CR.

By cash paid treasurer	\$2,300 00	
By abatements	93 50	
By bills unpaid, viz.: —		
S. P. Cushing	\$19 75	
Horace Faxon, balance	7 00	
Caleb H. Hayden	5 75	
Nathaniel M. Hobart	90 00	
J. E. Lochmann	67 50	
Ellen Sheehan	2 50	
Timothy Sullivan	2 00	
	<u>194 50</u>	
	<u> </u>	\$2,588 00
Balance due collector, being amount overpaid by him on tax bill of 1879	\$60 15	

DR.

Tax bill of 1879	\$30,661 22	
Added since commitment	10 68	
	<u> </u>	\$30,671 90

CR.

Cash paid treasurer	\$28,680 61
Taxes unpaid per schedule	1,850 07
Cash on hand	141 22
	<hr/> \$30,671 90
Interest collected and in hands of collector,	\$37 38

TAXES UNPAID, FEB. 2, 1880.

Geo A. Alden	\$2 14	Charles C. Fisher	\$20 38
Daniel Ahearn	1 66	John F. Flood	1 66
James Ahearn	1 66	Harriet Fogg	12 00
Benjamin Arnold (balance)	6 91	Geo. Fogg	5 50
Geo. E. Arnold	1 66	Heirs of Joseph R. Fra-	
Joseph I. Bates	30 46	sier	34 08
Benjamin C. Bannon		Heirs of Benjamin B.	
(balance)	87	French	27 84
Heirs James Bannon	4 56	Charles A. French	81 58
Josiah F. Bly	8 38	Edwin F. French	15 82
John Bowditch	11 02	Hiram A. French	45 34
J. Frances Bowditch	9 36	John Jackson French	19 18
Stephen S. Bradford		Charles Gardiner	13 18
(balance)	17 75	Joseph Greenwood	1 66
Wm. Bridges	1 66	Jeremiah Haley	1 66
John Brightman	2 38	John S. Hanson (bal-	
Robert Brooks	7 90	ance)	15 36
Nahum Bunker	2 62	Samuel F. Harrington	2 86
Jesse Burrill	1 66	James Hayes	1 66
Daniel Carrigan	1 66	Caleb Hayden	20 86
Francis Carrigan	1 66	Charles A. Hayden	1 66
John Connorty	1 66	Edgar G. Hayden	4 06
Charles Crenin	1 66	Hosea B. Hayden	4 54
James Croke	5 02	Geo. E. Hayden	4 06
John Croke	1 66	Henry M. Hayden	1 66
Simeon P. Cushing	22 30	I. Willie Hayden	1 66
Jeremiah Dennehey	12 46	Nelson E. Hayden	1 90
Louis Dislovere	1 66	Wm. Hayden	20 86
John J. Downs	8 86	Wm. O. Hayden	1 66
Thomas Doyle	20 14	C. Henry Hayden (bal-	
Heirs Isaac Dyer	46 32	ance)	4 60
Wm. F. Dyer	34 30	Levi F. Hayden	1 66
Joseph P. Drollett	1 66	Amos S. Hayden	1 90
Allston F. Dyer	1 66	H. Webster Hayden	1 66
George H. Dyer	1 66	Josiah B. Hayward	1 66
Horace Faxon (balance)	6 72	John Hennigan	1 66
Wm. F. Furnald	13 66	Patrick Hennesey	13 18
		Charles M. Hobart	1 66
		Henry Hobart	14 38

Joshua N. Hobart (balance)	\$15 12	Mary Jane Newcomb	\$12 96
N. M. Hobart (balance)	68 14	Elisha B. Nightingale	1 66
Chas. F. Holbrook	10 30	O. H. P. Niles (balance)	12 48
Elias Holbrook	23 74	Patrick Nugent	1 66
Frances W. Holbrook	1 66	Andrew J. Orcutt	1 66
J. Frank Holbrook (balance)	1 00	John O'Keefe	1 66
Waldo Holbrook	1 66	Frank B. Parks	10 06
Albert O. Hollis	3 10	Albert F. Parks	1 66
Joel Hollis	22 30	Elijah Penniman	15 58
Wm. A. Hollis	13 66	Elizabeth Penniman	96
Heirs of Frances R. Howe	19 68	Frank Penniman	1 66
Moses Hunt	11 26	Heman Porter	1 90
Thomas Huston	14 38	Isaac Porter	20 14
Forrest A. Jones	1 66	Asa T. Pratt	14 14
Moses Jones	3 34	Willie H. Pratt	1 66
Silas M. Jones	18 94	Mary Randall	96
Patrick Jordan	1 66	James Riley	1 66
Geo. W. Kelley	1 66	John Riley	1 66
James Long	8 86	Asa Robbins	2 86
Richard F. Loring	1 66	Frank Rossiter	1 66
Barnabas T. Loring	174 46	Frank Ross	1 66
John Mahar	1 66	W. W. Sanders	1 66
Mrs. John Mahar	96	Elisha Saville	6 46
John Maloney	1 66	Wm. Shaw	1 66
Heirs of Gardner Mansfield	8 64	Cornelius Smith	8 14
Geo. Mansfield	1 66	Ellen Shehan	7 20
Edward C. Mason	1 66	Benj. Stevens	20 38
John E. Mellen	1 66	Thomas B. Stoddard	20 14
Geo. E. Mellen	1 66	Michael Sullivan	1 66
Joseph H. Mellus (balance)	7 02	Patrick Sullivan	1 66
Edward H. Mellus	1 66	Timothy Sullivan	3 34
Thomas E. Munroe	1 66	John Summers	11 74
John Murrey	1 66	Isabella J. Scott	23 52
Patrick Moran	1 66	John M. Scott	1 66
Cyrus M. Marshall	5 98	John R. Scott	1 66
David McAuliffe	10 30	David Thayer	11 98
Patrick McCormick (balance)	1 92	David Thayer, 2d	12 94
T. J. McCormick	8 38	David B. Thayer	10 06
Daniel McCue	12 70	Elwyn H. Thayer	1 66
John McGliney	1 66	Frances P. Thayer	1 66
James McKenny	3 10	John Q. A. Thayer	1 66
Richard McNair	1 66	Lewis Thayer	7 66
		Heirs of Wm. Thayer	48
		James Toomey	10 30
		Benj. F. Torrey	10 06
		Eben C. Thayer	50 40
		Elmer Vinton	2 62

Thomas B. Vinton . . . \$59 74	Frances Richards . . . \$8 64
Charles E. Watkins . . . 1 66	Robt. V. Barnes . . . 3 60
Freeman G. White . . . 19 66	Wm. Buker . . . 3 36
N. W Augustus White	Thos. B. Porter . . . 24 48
(balance) 21 12	Benj. T. Dowse . . . 2 88
James White 1 66	Isaac N. Terrill . . . 72
R. A. Wilson 2 86	Wm. G. Prescott . . . 1 92
Albert Whitmarsh . . . 1 66	Thos. H. Hayes . . . 16 32
	Henry W. Wilde . . . 96
	Benj. Landers . . . 6 00
	Charles Nudd . . . 1 44
	Abner Curtis . . . 43 92
	Frank W. Mead . . . 29 76
	Alphonse Gay . . . 2 40
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	\$1,850 07

Non-residents.

Boston Carpet Slipper
Co. 16 32
Charles C. Hayward . . . 9 84
Neil McRae 27 36
Ira Thayer 12 96

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

JONATHAN FRENCH, *Treasurer.*

FEB. 1, 1879.

Cash on hand	\$3,744 64
Received of Joseph Dyer, Collector, 1877	13 96
Joseph Dyer, Collector, interest	96 26
Joseph Dyer, Collector, 1878	2,300 00
Joseph Dyer, Collector, 1879	28,680 61
Weymouth Bank (borrowed)	12,000 00
Ann Dalton (borrowed)	1,100 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax	1,346 97
State Treasurer, bank tax	1,657 13
State Treasurer, State aid	1,123 94
State Treasurer, relief of indigent soldiers and sailors	1,922 00
State Treasurer, temporary	127 23
Overseers of the Poor (refunded)	1,101 47
State Treasurer, school fund	220 82
County Treasurer, dog licenses	417 33
Overseers of the Poor, Duxbury	7 00
Overseers of the Poor (refunded)	4 00
Selectmen, use of Town Hall	170 00
Selectmen (refunded by G. A. R.)	54 00
Selectmen (refunded by soldiers' aid)	14 00
Joseph A. Arnold, on account tax deed	131 63
Harvey S. Page, license fee	1 00
Charles F. Arnold, one lot in cemetery	5 00
Asaph T. Arnold, for one lot in cemetery	5 00
Alverdo Mason, for one lot in cemetery	5 00

Received of S. S. French, use of cart	\$18 00
Thomas Hill, use of cart	8 25
Albert Hobart, use of cart	3 60
Joseph Dyer, treasurer of school fund .	300 00
Selectmen, balance of appropriation for cemetery	6 96
Selectmen, balance of appropriation for Elliot Street	5 30
Selectmen (refunded by town of Quincy) .	1 00
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	\$56,592 10

FEB. 1, 1880.

Cash paid on 466 orders	\$30,135 89
note, Union National Bank, Weymouth .	4,000 00
note, Union National Bank, Weymouth .	2,000 00
notes, Union National Bank, Weymouth .	6,000 00
note, Mary H. Thayer, with interest in full,	226 08
interest, Union National Bank, Weymouth .	111 45
interest, Union National Bank, Weymouth .	81 34
interest, Union National Bank, Weymouth .	40 00
interest, Union National Bank, Weymouth .	27 33
interest, W. S. Dexter, trustee	720 00
interest, West Boston Savings Bank, on three notes, \$20,000	1,200 00
interest, N. F. T. Hayden, trustee . .	600 00
interest, F. G. Crosby	60 00
interest, J. A. Penniman	30 00
interest, Ann Dalton	16 50
Ann Dalton, on note	50 00
State tax, 1879	750 00
County tax, 1879	1,969 20
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1880	8,574 31
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	\$56,592 10

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the treasurer, and find them correct, with a balance of cash on hand, \$8,574.31.

J. A. ARNOLD,
JOHN B. ARNOLD, } *Auditors.*
JOHN M. BEALS, }

THE TOWN OWES THE FOLLOWING NOTES AND
INTEREST, FEB. 1, 1880.

Mrs. N. W. Penniman, Nov. 24, 1868, at 6 per cent.	\$500 00
Interest	5 50
Trustees, estate of Gen. Sylvanus Thayer:—	
Feb. 26, 1873, at 6 per cent	10,000 00
March 7, 1874, at 6 per cent	10,000 00
May 18, 1874, at 6 per cent	2,000 00
F. G. Crosby, Aug. 10, 1874, at 6 per cent	1,000 00
West Boston Savings Bank:—	
July 24, 1875, five years at 6 per cent	10,000 00
July 24, 1875, seven years, at 6 per cent	5,000 00
July 24, 1875, ten years at 6 per cent	5,000 00
Mrs. Ann Dalton	1,050 00
Interest	1 75
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	\$44,557 25
Due Joseph Dyer, collector, being an amount over- paid on tax bill, 1878	60 15
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	\$44,617 40
Less assets as per schedule	13,791 88
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Net debt Feb. 2, 1880	\$30,825 52
Net debt Feb. 1, 1879	\$33,403 52
Net debt Feb. 2, 1880	30,825 52
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Net less than last year	\$2,578 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, FEB. 2, 1880.

Balance in the treasury	\$8,574 31
Due from Joseph Dyer, collector, 1878	194 50
Joseph Dyer, collector, 1879	1,850 07
Joseph Dyer, cash	141 22
Joseph Dyer, interest	37 38
city of Boston	67 90
city of Haverhill	153 88
town of Weymouth	199 77
town of South Abington	49 75
town of Hingham	109 62
town of Danvers	58 17
town of Stoughton	122 88
town of Plymouth	44 40
town of Easton	22 00

Due from State aid	\$1,284 50
State Soldiers' Aid, law of 1878	666 00
State Soldiers' Aid, law of 1879	195 75
Horace Faxon	9 00
F. B. Parks	10 78
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	\$13,791 88

THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

BRAINTREE, Feb. 1, 1880.

TO THE SELECTMEN :

The trustees of the Thayer Public Library respectfully submit their annual report, as follows : —

The library has been open during the year 282 days. Circulation of books, 14,395. Average per day, 51+.

Percentage of fiction	69
Percentage of juvenile	7
Percentage of higher order	24
Largest number loaned in one day, March 8	260
Smallest number loaned in one day, May 19	8
Whole number of volumes in the library, upwards of	4,700
Number added during the year	507
Number of borrowers	1,846
Number of borrowers added during the year	187

It is gratifying to report a constant increase in the number of borrowers, and that they come from all parts of the town. The books added during the year have been carefully selected, and comprise the best of the recent standard publications. The library is sufficiently large for our present wants, and contains works in all departments adapted to the wants of every class of readers.

We hope the day is not distant when its list of patrons shall include representatives of every family in town.

The cost of carrying on the library for the coming year will require an appropriation of \$450.

The treasurer's report is appended.

Respectfully,

ASA FRENCH,	} Trustees.
F. A. HOBART,	
HENRY A. JOHNSON,	
N. H. HUNT,	
N. F. T. HAYDEN,	

THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Balance in hands of treasurer, Feb. 1, 1879 .	\$349 26
Town appropriation	450 00
Town treasurer, 1 year's interest	600 00
From librarian for fines	28 57
	<hr/> \$1,427 83

Expenditures.

Paid Estes & Lauriat, books	\$514 93
R. W. Lincoln, books	6 50
H. A. Darling, books	1 50
R. M. Bryan, books	1 50
J. G. Gates, printing	33 75
J. W. Ripley, binding	62 45
M. R. Warren, stationery	12 30
E. A. Hammond, stationery	2 00
A. M. Arnold, stationery	1 87
J. Loud & Co., coal	6 25
Joel F. Sheppard, coal	61 75
C. Mischler, painting	10 90
E. F. E. Thayer, insurance	45 00
A. M. Arnold, librarian	300 00
B. M. Hayden, stone posts	11 00
Jones, McDuffee & Stratton, lamp	5 75
	<hr/> 1,077 45

Balance in hands of treasurer Feb. 1, 1880	\$350 38
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N. F. T. HAYDEN, *Treasurer.*

BRAINTREE SCHOOL-FUND REPORT.

Dividend received from Weymouth National Bank	\$56 00
Dividend received from Quincy National Bank	60 00
Dividend received from Eliot National Bank	12 00
Taxes refunded	34 87
Received for 3½ cords of wood	7 00
Received for rent of farm	200 00
	<hr/> \$369 87

Balance due Feb. 1, 1879	\$0.98
Cash paid for seven committee for services for three years	52 00
Cash paid Jonathan French	300 00
	<hr/> 352 98

Balance in hands of treasurer of school fund	\$16 89
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JOSEPH DYER,
Treasurer of School Fund.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF BRAINTREE:

Gentlemen,—I most respectfully submit the following report, showing the condition of the fire department, and a list of fires during the year ending Feb. 1, 1880.

The department is under the control of a chief and eight assistant engineers, and consists of two hand engines with hose carriages attached, and one hook and ladder carriage. The companies are full, and consist of one hundred and twenty-five volunteers.

HOUSES.

The several houses belonging to the department have received a coat of paint outside the past season ; the hook and ladder house has also been painted inside, and they are now in a good condition.

FIRE ENGINES.

Union, No. 1, has been painted and put in thorough repair the past season, and will not need much outlay the ensuing year.

Butcher Boy, No. 2, should be thoroughly repaired and painted this year.

Hose.

There are belonging to the department 1,850 feet of leading hose; 400 feet of new rubber; 400 feet of rubber, fair; 500 feet of linen, rubber lined, not reliable; 550 feet of linen, very poor. There has been added 400 feet of new hose the past year, and 350 feet of hose has been thrown out as unserviceable.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Board would respectfully recommend the construction of a reservoir in the south part of the town, on or near the corner of Summer and Tremont Street, as there is no water available for the protection of property in that vicinity.

They also recommend the raising of the hose towers on the Union and Butcher Boy houses, in order to secure a better protection of the hose, which we think will be economy for the town.

APPROPRIATIONS.

We recommend that there be appropriated by the town for the year 1880, \$1,300, viz.: —

Pay of men	\$625	00
Raising towers	300	00
Repairing and painting engine	125	00
Incidental expenses	250	00

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

UNION, No. 1.

One engine and hose carriage, 400 feet of rubber hose, 250 feet of linen rubber-lined hose, 300 feet of linen hose, 32 feet of suction hose, 9 sets spanners and belts, 2 wrenches, 3 oil cans, 2 axes, 4 buckets, 4 pipes and nozzles, 6 fire hats, 1 bursting strap, 5 lanterns, 1 signal light, 8 lamps and fixtures, 12 spittoons, 4 fire ladders, 1 step ladder, 2 stoves, 1 table, 1 coal hod, 1 duster, 1 dust pan and brush, 2 shovels, 10 settees, 8 chairs, 1 jack, pole for horses, 3 sets couplings, 2 water pails, 2 fire hooks, 2 ropes, and 2 chucks.

BUTCHER BOY, No. 2.

One engine and hose carriage, 400 feet of rubber hose, 250 feet of linen hose, 250 feet of linen rubber-lined hose, 35 feet of suction hose, 8 sets spanners and belts, 2 stoves, 2 axes, 2 bursting straps, 10 settees, 8 chairs, 4 lanterns, 8 lamps and fixtures, 6 spittoons, 4 buckets, 5 pipes and nozzles, 1 fountain pump, 1 coal hod, 2 fire ladders, 1 house ladder, 1 pole for horses, 1 branch connection, 2 shovels, 1 wrench, 1 boiler, 2 pails, 1 crowbar, 1 jack, 1 table, 6 hose ropes, 2 oil cans, 4 sets couplings, 1 rope, and broom.

WAMPATUCK HOOK AND LADDER, No. 1.

One carriage, 8 ladders, 6 hooks, 6 spittoons, 8 chairs, 10 settees, 2 stoves, 2 coal hods, 2 boilers, 2 oil cans, 22 buckets, 6 dog hooks, 1 lantern, 2 axes, 1 broom, 1 dust pan, 1 lever, pole for horses, 1 table, 1 feather duster, 8 lamps and fixtures, 2 forks, 1 house ladder, 1 shovel, and 2 fountain pumps.

A LIST OF FIRES FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1880.

May 29. A dwelling-house in South Braintree owned by O. Ames & Son. Loss slight; cause accidental.

June 29. A dwelling-house on Middle Street owned by Neil McRae, and occupied by Frank Moulton. Loss, \$900; cause, lightning.

July 14. A barn owned by Hannah Courser. Loss, \$100; supposed cause, incendiary.

Jan. 6. A shoe-shop owned and occupied by Jacob S. Dyer. Loss, \$2,000; cause unknown.

Jan. 11. A barn owned by Hosea B. Hayden. Loss, \$200; supposed cause, incendiary.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. STEVENS,

Chief Engineer.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

NORFOLK, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree, Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Braintree, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Braintree, on Monday the first day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following Articles, namely :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To determine the manner of repairing the highways, town ways, and bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see if the town will accept the jury list as made by the selectmen.

ART. 7. To see if the town will vote an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars, and pay the same to Gen. Sylvanus Thayer Post, G. A. R., for the purpose of assisting them in defraying the expenses of memorial services on Decoration day.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to appoint one or more special police officers, who shall be required to act as a night patrol for one year from the month of March ensuing, or until others are appointed and qualified in their stead, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 9. To see if the town will accept Jersey Avenue, as laid out by the selectmen, and appropriate such sum of money as may be judged necessary for grading the same.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to amend Art. 4, Sect. 3, of the By-Laws of the town, so as to make them conform to the Statutes of 1879, Chap. 74, Sect. 1.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to purchase school books at publishers' prices, and sell them to the scholars at cost.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take in regard to the petition of Joel F. Sheppard and others, to the County Commissioners, for the relocation of Shaw Street.

ART. 13. To see if the town will build a reservoir in the south part of the town, as recommended by the engineers.

ART. 14. To see if the town will purchase a piano for the use of the Town Hall.

ART. 15. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the town lands.

ART. 16. To choose any committee to hear the report of any committee, and act thereon.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting true and attested copies of this warrant, at the usual public places in town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree, this seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

S. W. HOLLIS,	}	<i>Selectmen of Braintree.</i>
ABIJAH ALLEN,		
ANSEL O. CLARK,		

JURY LIST

AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN, FEB. 16, 1880.

Richard L. Arnold,
 George H. Arnold,
 Franklin E. Arnold,
 J. Frederic Allen,
 Francis C. Allen,
 Patrick B. Anglim,
 Elisha A. Belcher,
 William P. Bird,
 John M. Beals,
 William H. Cobb,
 Simeon P. Cushing,
 F. Henry Crane,
 John Crane,
 Freeman G. Crosby,
 Constant S. Chandler,
 Luther O. Crocker,
 Samuel L. Dyer,
 Albion C. Drinkwater,
 Joseph Dyer,
 Joseph H. Hobart,
 William Hill,
 J. Parker Hayward,
 J. Eliphas Hayward,
 Henry Gardner,
 N. F. T. Hayden,
 Nathaniel H. Hunt,

Horace A. Jones,
 Alva S. Morrison,
 Henry Mann,
 William W. Mayhew,
 Charles Pratt,
 Asa T. Pratt,
 Marcus A. Perkins,
 Nehemiah R. Proctor,
 William R. Penniman,
 Charles L. Perry,
 Edwin Howard,
 James R. Smith,
 George A. Sproul,
 Franklin Shaw,
 Charles W. Smith,
 Eben B. Tower,
 E. F. E. Thayer,
 Granville Thompson,
 Henry S. Thayer,
 Martin L. Tupper,
 David H. B. Thayer,
 Thomas B. Vinton,
 George D. Willis,
 Gilman D. Whitaker,
 Adoniram J. White.

MARRIAGES.

1879.		AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Jan. 15.	Will W. Mayhew,	22	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Mary R. Minchin,	27	Braintree.	Braintree.
Feb. 8.	Luther O. Crocker, Jr.	21	Braintree.	Bridgewater.
	Sarah J. Pratt,	17	Weymouth.	Weymouth.
	9. Maurice Clary,	33	Braintree.	Ireland.
	Julia Sullivan,	27	Braintree.	Brockton.
	19. Michael A. Berry,	23	Quincy.	Quincy.
	Margaret Kelley,	21	Braintree.	Braintree.
	28. Thomas Lang,	25	Boston.	Scotland.
	Ashie Wilson,	23	Braintree.	Braintree.
March 9.	Edward Brooks,	21	Braintree.	Newburyport.
	Fannie L. Rogers,	19	Holbrook.	Holbrook.
April 9.	Charles H. Ratcliffe,	25	Braintree.	England.
	Nellie F. Hickey,	22	Quincy.	Weymouth.
	16. John D. Henderson,	29	Everett.	Scotland.
	Emily S. Thring,	29	Braintree.	England.
	23. Patrick Casey,	23	Weymouth.	Ireland.
	Ellen A. Bentley,	22	Braintree.	Ireland.
May 3.	Andrew J. Orcutt,	27	Braintree.	Weymouth.
	Hattie A. Genders,	21	Braintree.	England.
	9. Herbert G. White,	21	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Nora Decoster,	17	Braintree.	Stoughton.
June 17.	Joseph Clinton,	27	Braintree.	Nova Scotia.
	Margaret Bentley,	26	Braintree.	Ireland.
	18. Michael F. King,	23	Braintree.	Brockton.
	Mary Drinan,	23	Braintree.	Salem.
	18. Miles McSweeney,	40	Boston.	Ireland.
	Catherine Kiley,	35	Braintree.	Ireland.
	19. Arthur L. Whittey,	25	Braintree.	Randolph.
	Lucy F. Tupper,	27	Braintree.	Kingston.
	21. Frank E. Sanderson,	36	Boston.	Lunenburg.
	Julia S. Wheeler,	19	Braintree.	Augusta, Me.
	22. Albert H. Holbrook,	30	So. Abington.	Rockland.
	Susan A. Shaw,	24	No. Abington.	No. Abington.
	25. Edward W. Thompson,	25	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Abbie D. Penniman,	25	Braintree.	Braintree.
	26. George D. Willis,	34	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Ella S. Hobart,	23	Braintree.	Braintree.
July 26.	Andrew D. Dimmick,	22	Braintree.	Falmouth.
	Carrie L. Shiverick,	20	Brockton.	Brockton.
Aug. 10.	Alva A. Saunders,	22	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Cora L. Cram,	19	Braintree.	Braintree.
	26. Joseph M. Wales,	29	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Susan M. Towle,	20	Dedham.	Cambridgeport.

1879.		AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Aug. 31.	Patrick Sullivan,	41	Braintree.	Ireland.
	Catherine Sullivan,	37	Quincy.	Ireland.
31.	Michael Dejon,	23	Braintree.	Nova Scotia.
	Jane Decose,	22	Weymouth.	Nova Scotia.
Sept. 16.	Charles W. Dailey,	21	Braintree.	Brighton.
	Anna J. Hayden,	18	Braintree.	Braintree.
24.	Eliot M. Whitcomb,	31	Holbrook.	Randolph.
	Harriet V. Hall,	28	Holbrook.	Easton.
Oct. 1.	Frank A. Bates,	21	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Cora A. Hibbard,	20	Braintree.	Dorchester.
10.	Charles R. Sawyer,	25	Somerset.	Boston.
	Mary B. Richardson,	17	Braintree.	Braintree.
15.	Walter H. Lyons,	20	Randolph.	Randolph.
	Isabelle S. Wales,	20	Braintree.	Braintree.
16.	Michael Daly,	27	Braintree.	Ireland.
	Annie M. Rafferty,	22	Braintree.	Ireland.
Nov. 1.	Jona. E. Hayward,	56	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Abbie A. Nourse,	48	Milton.	Middleboro.
6.	George J. Fletcher,	21	Ludlow.	Concord, Vt.
	Christina S. Renn,	22	Braintree.	Boston.
15.	George W. Hill,	27	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Jane A. Frazer,	20	Boston.	Nova Scotia.
23.	Austin B. Bates,	32	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Susan H. Leach,	33	Brockton.	Bridgewater.
Dec. 10.	Charles F. Mellen,	22	Braintree.	Stoughton.
	Sarah R. Pool,	20	Braintree.	Weymouth.
15.	Joseph D. Hollis,	23	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Susie L. Hill,	21	Braintree.	Braintree.

BIRTHS.

1879.		
Jan.	6.	Mary Lizzie Leavitt,
	8.	Swansy G. Wilson,
	10.	Lowell Thayer Hayden,
	17.	Gertie Florence Huff,
	18.	Horace Lester Snow,
	24.	Ambrose Joseph Gannon,
	26.	Herbert Arnold Porter,
	27.	Mary Ann McCormick,
Feb.	2.	Joseph Henry Tuck,
	2.	Stella Eliza Genders,
	7.	Archie Clifford Simonds,
	14.	Alice Louise Dorety,
	17.	— Belcher,
	17.	— Belcher,
	24.	Sadie Francis Millick,
	25.	Franklin Parker Hayward,
		S. Gardner and Eliza D.
		Willard T. and Julia F.
		N. F. T. and Annie C.
		Edward and Lucy J.
		Albert L. and Delia.
		Thomas and Bridget.
		Elbridge F. and Ella F.
		Michael and Mary.
		Joseph H. and Mary A.
		James and Emma.
		H. Willie and E. Claribel.
		John W. and Annie L.
		Alexander T. and Adriella.
		Alexander T. and Adriella.
		John and Annie.
		J. Parker and Mary F.

Feb.	28.	Maggie Lizzie Fallon,	Thomas and A. Lizzie.
March	3.	Horace Otis Hayden,	Hosea B. and Ann M.
	4.	John Edwin Mayberry,	Edwin D. and Kittie.
	4.	William John Dijon,	John and Mary.
	17.	Alice Perkins,	Andrew J. and Laura.
April	4.	Annie Linnell,	Allen A. and Clara A.
	9.	Reuben Kenneth Durling,	Alfred A. and Margaret A.
	9.	Mary Ellen Maguire,	Patrick F. and Ellen.
	14.	Grace Ethel Batson,	Charles G. and Helen B.
	17.	Sadie Imogene McAlpine,	James and S. Jane.
	17.	Edith Arletta Cram,	Frederic A. and Esther H.
	21.	Charles Disloovere,	Louis and Catherine.
May	12.	Hattie May Cushman,	Isaac W. and Edith H.
	18.	Albrere Gelinis,	Henry and Emma.
	18.	Maria Josephine Carver,	William A. and Sarah L.
	19.	Mary J. Hennegan,	Patrick and Jennie.
June	2.	Mary Ann Orr,	William and Sarah.
	5.	Ethel Louisa Brooks,	Douglas A. and Ann M.
	17.	Arthur Sanborn French,	Charles A. and Jennie.
	20.	Mary Elizabeth O'Brien,	Michael and Josephine.
	22.	George Homer Tower,	B. L. M. and Eliza.
	24.	Edward Weston Morales,	Leonardo and Agnes T.
	29.	Anna French Gregg,	Charles C. and Lydia P.
July	4.	Grace Lillian Hobart,	Leonard M. and Ruth A.
	5.	Eben Gookin Page,	Harvey S. and Florence E.
	5.	Mabel Beatrice Cavanagh,	John and Annie M.
	5.	Edith May Keene,	Joseph A. and Lillian I.
	13.	Alice Lorraine Grinnell,	Henry D. and Georgianna L.
	14.	Harald Leon Jones,	Horace A. and Martha A.
	15.	Clarence Elmer Vaughan,	Robert D. and Ellen A.
	25.	William Edwin Cooper,	John W. and Lizzie.
	29.	John P. Shehan,	John F. and Hannah.
	30.	Herbert Everett White,	Herbert G. and Nora.
Aug.	17.	Louis William Tupper,	William A. and Lydia A.
	24.	William Albert Fuller,	William A. and Fannie M.
	24.	Caroline Whitmarsh Pitkin,	Charles A. and Caroline W.
	31.	Susan Frances Dalton,	Thomas G. and Mary.
Sept.	5.	Fred Monroe Crocker,	Luther O. and Sarah J.
	9.	Mary Elizabeth Ratcliffe,	John W. and Christina.
	25.	Annie Robert Dee,	Robert H. and Mary.
	30.	George H. G. Buker,	George C. and Ella A.
Oct.	1.	Nellie Clary,	Maurice and Julia.
	7.	Willie Burrill,	Samuel and Emily L.
	12.	— Shaw,	Charles F. and Sarah E.
	12.	Catherine McCormick,	Thomas J. and Mary A.
	14.	Alva Morrison,	R. Elmer and Sarah R.
	26.	Ida Florence Eastwood,	John E. and Maggie.
	29.	Edward Joseph Branley,	Michael and Margaret.

Oct.	31.	George Russell Jordan,	W. Irving and Eunice W.
Nov.	1.	Charles Franklin Harriman,	Orin O. and Ellen L.
	9.	Frederic Gilbert Harlow,	Frederic S. and Emma F.
	10.	George Davis Noble,	Thomas and Nancy A.
	17.	Elizabeth Etta Smith,	Cornelius and Mary.
	18.	John Henry Mayhew,	Will W. and Mary R.
	19.	— Vinton,	Elmer H. and Lucy C.
	23.	Mary Florence Hayden,	Franklin W. and Ida A.
	25.	Frank Manning,	Dana and Martha.
Dec.	2.	Silas Augustus Loud,	Byron W. and Nancy C. M.
	5.	Mary Ella Stoddard,	Willie H. and Mary L.
	6.	Emma Weeks,	James T. and Addie S.
	9.	William Edward Greenwood;	John and Frances.
	14.	Ethel Maude Gage,	R. Allen and Hattie A.
	16.	Nettie May Goodnow,	Charles E. and Lydia D.
	20.	— Hayden,	Nelson E. and Mary A.

DEATHS.

1879.			Y.	M.	D.	
Jan.	5.	Elizabeth Wild,	84	5	15	Dropsy.
	14.	Clara L. Thayer,	4	6		Diphtheria.
	15.	Minerva Edson,	82	10	21	Pneumonia.
	26.	Thomas A. Tirrell,	66	3	27	Bronchitis.
Feb.	6.	Mary Hayden,	57	4	14	Consumption.
	8.	Sophia Thring,	73	0	15	Apoplexy.
	10.	Francis A. Doyle,	3	2	21	Diphtheria.
	14.	Gardner W. Mansfield,	32	1	4	Consumption.
	15.	Lucy Howard,	76	1	8	Bronchitis.
	17.	— Belcher,	0	0	1	Infantile.
	17.	— Belcher,	0	0	1	Infantile.
	23.	Joseph H. Flood,	22	3	19	Phthisis.
	24.	Ruth T. Hobart,	89	3	28	Pneumonia.
	25.	Marian E. Wood,	1	0	11	Scrofulosis.
March	18.	Albert W. Carney,	0	11	18	Pneumonia.
	25.	Alfred R. Noble,	1	4	5	Croup and Pneumonia.
	27.	Thomas H. Hinckley,	2	4	0	Scrofula.
April	26.	John A. Gorman,	1	0	18	Meningitis.
May	7.	Ella F. Porter,	26	0	16	Consumption.
	10.	Louisa M. Perkins,	69	6	21	Ataxia.
	16.	David W. Childs,	69	7	28	Apoplexy.
May	18.	Catherine E. Gorman,	25	6	14	Phthisis.
	19.	Bridget Reagan,	70	0	0	Phthisis.
	22.	Susie E. J. Brooks,	20	3	22	Diphtheria.
	24.	Francis R. Howe,	75	9	0	Hepatitis.
	25.	Mary E. Toomey,	20	3	23	Phthisis.
	26.	Herbert W. Simonds,	2	10	15	Scarlatina.
	28.	Alva Morrison,	73	0	15	Heart Disease.

1879.			Y.	M.	D.	
June	25.	Ellen T. Howard,	15	10	0	Phthisis.
July	3.	Willard B. Wild,	80	4	26	Old Age.
	16.	Arthur F. Sanborn,	10	7	4	Anæmia.
	17.	James W. Hawes,	21	8	25	Bright's Disease.
	21.	Catherine S. White,	67	1	13	Dropsy.
Aug.	2.	Emily A. Parker,	0	11	5	Cholera Infantum.
	2.	Adolph W. Winkfield,	40	9	0	Dis. of Heart and Kidney.
	11.	Alva Butler,	45	6	12	Typhoid Fever.
	12.	Patrick McManus,	26	0	0	Heart Disease.
	13.	Mary J. Hennegan,	0	2	25	Marasmus.
	13.	Mary S. Dyer,	85	4	0	Dropsy.
	17.	Charles F. Arnold,	43	9	0	Phthisis.
	26.	Clarence D. Vaughan,	0	1	11	Cholera Infantum.
	28.	Archie C. Simonds,	0	6	21	Consumption.
	29.	John P. Shehan,	0	1	0	Apoplexy.
Sept.	2.	Mabel E. Loring,	0	8	17	Whooping Cough.
	8.	Susan Graves,	80	9	19	Dropsy.
	15.	Charles Disloovere,	0	4	25	Whooping Cough.
	17.	Robert W. Dee,	27	6	6	Railroad Accident.
	17.	Charles W. Mansfield,	51	7	0	Fatty Degen'a'n of Heart.
	28.	Mary E. Ratcliffe,	0	0	19	Pneumonia.
Oct.	10.	Austin L. Cole,	32	0	0	Consumption.
	25.	Mary J. Thayer,	62	0	0	Dropsy.
	27.	Norton Pratt,	78	10	5	Apoplexy.
	31.	Wilfred H. Barnes,	2	0	7	Meningitis.
Nov.	23.	Warren Mansfield,	76	6	26	Typhoid Fever.
Dec.	3.	Margaret Clinton,	26	10	0	Consumption.
	7.	Maurice Colbert,	62	4	6	Tumor.
	8.	Emma Weeks,	0	0	2	Infantile.
	19.	William F. Kennedy,	34	8	0	Gunshot Wound.
	21.	George R. Jordan,	0	1	21	Bronchitis.
	27.	Asaph F. Arnold,	73	6	27	Dropsy.
	28.	George W. Mansfield,	35	11	3	Consumption.

You are requested to notify the Town Clerk of any errors or omissions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

The committee which was appointed at the last annual Town Meeting to take into consideration the best method of repairing the public highways, beg leave to submit the following report:—

The first matter to which our attention was naturally directed, was the method now in use for the repairs of the roads, and to inquire in what respects it is defective, and secondly, how it can be improved; or whether it may not be better to adopt some other system.

The defects of the method now in use are many, and obvious to the slightest inquiry. One serious objection is the custom of choosing a number of surveyors of highways, and dividing the town into highway districts and apportioning the money among them.

The result of this practice is bad in various ways. No one of the surveyors can undertake any work of permanent improvement, which will absorb any considerable sum of his portion of the amount appropriated, because if he should do so, some part of his district must be neglected, and the surveyor be subjected to the unfavorable criticism of the persons residing on the neglected territory, as well as that of the public generally. Consequently he is obliged to go on in the old way, and skim over the whole of his territory, doing a little here and a little there, and doing nothing thoroughly or well.

If, instead of such an arbitrary division of the money, it was all controlled by one responsible head, and expended in whatever portion of the town it was most needed, a portion at least of every annual appropriation might and should be set apart and devoted to making some improvement of a permanent nature. If this course should be adopted for a number of years in succession, or should be made the regular system to be followed, we should soon see gradually, but surely, an improved condition of our roads.

Another defect which is necessarily inherent in our present system, is the practice of mending or attempting to mend the roads by throwing the material which the rains have washed into the side ditches, back into the centre of the road. Absurd as this practice appears, it is quite too common, and is in many cases apparently made necessary by lack of other and better material. The consequence is, that the first rain converts this loose material, better far for a top dressing for grass than for the surface of a road, into a perfect slough of mud, and a hard rain washes it back into the ditch. In a dry season this material becomes a perfect bed of

dust, annoying to travellers, destructive to vehicles, and almost as bad as the mud itself. Too much cannot be said in condemnation of this bad practice, and it would be better economy for the town to throw the money into the ditch and let it lie there. And yet, although we see this done year after year, the surveyor is not always to blame. The fault is not his, it is in the system. In a majority of cases he does this, because with the limited means at his command he can do nothing else. It is the best and all he can do.

The present manner of supervision is also open to criticism and is susceptible of improvement. By the By-Laws of the town, as well as by vote and also by statute law, the surveyors are placed under the direction of the selectmen.

This results in a division, and consequently a weakening of responsibility. It is unjust to the selectmen, inasmuch as it makes them responsible for the acts of others, over whom they have no efficient control. It is irritating and disagreeable to the surveyors, subjecting them, as it may do, to the annoyance of unnecessary and uncalled-for interference with their labors.

As the best way to obviate this difficulty, the committee recommend that the town should choose, instead of three surveyors, a Board of Road Commissioners, under the provisions of the statute, which has been already accepted by the town.

It is also recommended that some certain portion of the annual appropriation for the repairs of highways be set apart for their permanent improvement.

Another difficulty which presents itself, and which is yearly growing more prominent, is the lack of a proper quality of gravel. It is well known that there is a great scarcity of this material, especially in certain sections of the town.

The result of this is, that material utterly unsuitable for the purpose must be used, or that good gravel must be obtained and hauled a long distance, and at a great expense.

In view of these considerations, the question presents itself, What other method can the town adopt, which is within its means, instead of the extravagant, unsatisfactory, and inefficient one now in vogue? Would it not be better economy for the town to invest a moderate sum of money in a good machine for crushing the stones, of which we have an abundant supply, than to any longer persist in using so much poor material?

It may be said that we cannot afford the expense. It is true it involves a considerable outlay at first; but would it not be the truest and most far-sighted economy in the end?

If it is true, as is stated by one of our present surveyors, that fully one half of the money expended annually is thrown away and wasted, then the saving in one year would almost pay for the necessary machinery.

Nothing is more certain, nothing is better established by the

experience of engineers and of practical men, than that a solid and unyielding foundation is the first requisite for a good road. And it is no less certain that with our present method, we cannot make a solid road-bed. If we provide ourselves with the means to crush the rocks which are scattered all over our territory, we can in a few years have roads which will be a credit to the town, and which can be kept in repair with a comparatively small annual outlay.

A good crusher will cost at the present time \$750 ; an engine of fifteen horse power will cost \$800 more. A machine of this size and power will crush one hundred tons per day. It will cost to run it, including the wages of the men required to prepare and remove the stones, and allowing largely for contingencies, about twenty dollars per day. This will make the cost of the crushed stone, all prepared for use, about twenty cents per ton. A suitable roller can be procured for about \$300, making the outlay for the necessary machinery, if contracted for at the present time, \$1,850. If we allow \$150 for unforeseen expenses, it will be seen that the cost need not exceed the sum of \$2,000.

We have endeavored in this report to place before the town the facts in the case, as we find them. It is now for the town to consider the matter, and to take such action as in its wisdom it shall deem best. The question is simply one of cost. There can be no doubt that broken stone is the very best material for making and mending roads that can be obtained, and it is for the town to decide whether they are prepared to incur this present expense, in the hope and reasonable expectation of having better roads at a reduced cost in the future.

JOHN CAVANAGH,
for the Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BRAINTREE,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1879-80.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE.

So long as pure intellect is crowned as regal, men will not be coaxed or frightened into the adoption of any new theories of instruction for the education of their children.

Those theories which have produced men like Shakespeare or Bacon, and in our town of Braintree, a Lemuel Shaw, may safely challenge any which are now presented.

Common-sense as well as judgment, based upon the results of more modern methods, justify us in adhering to ways tried and approved by experience.

Our schools of Braintree, in the judgment of your committee, compare with those of sister towns, and in many instances to the advantage of our own. To adopt a new system simply on the ground of novelty is neither wise, safe, nor prudent.

That which is the outgrowth of proper training at the home or in the schools is not, so far as human society is concerned, to be made a sport of imaginative reformers or would-be philanthropic educators. The old-fashioned, hard-headed, matter-of-fact fathers of our Massachusetts school system were bred in a school of practical affairs that taught them the fact that velocity added to weight, either as applied to mind or to matter. Nature says both are needed for the greatest effect, also that character is twin sister to intellect, and the development of one at the expense of the other was ruinous to both.

The ancient laws of 1642 — June 14 — provide, “that, forasmuch as the good education of children is of singular behoofe and benefit to any Commonwealth, and whereas many Parents and Masters are too indulgent and negligent of their duty in that kind,

it is ordered," etc. (see Report of State Board of Education for 1873-1874), — recognizing thereby the truth, that the highest morality, as well as highest culture, are to be combined in the education of our children.

A saddening fact one member of your committee had revealed to him, from a brief experience in teaching (the same has been told by our regular teachers); that was, an evil habit of untruthfulness possessed by many of the pupils. Parents must know of this, or they will not have the opportunity to correct the habit before it becomes confirmed. Our Yankee ideas of smartness must not be fostered at the expense of any of the virtues we are bound to uphold.

Our conveniences for a full and complete education of our children are excellent. Our High School, under its present management, is the admiration of all who are careful and capable judges. Our Grammar schools are equal to any of the same grade in other country towns. In some exercises we think we are above the average. Our scholars, at the same age of those of other town schools, excel in penmanship. This, allied with perfect reading and spelling, is an important acquirement. Many neglect the reader and the spelling book, and take up other studies, more with an idea of embellishment; not thinking it may be, that the harder and more practical pursuits of life are to be the lot of most of our children in future life. While being sensible of the fact that roses flourish among the rocks, the latter are the foundation and architecture of cities; the former, an emblem only of beauty and of sweetness, — both of God's appointment. One of the essentials in the constant progress of scholars in their work is a constant attendance upon all sessions of the school, and to the end of the session. The loss of a single lesson is a missing link in the chain of the perfect whole which our studies are designed to be. One step is to follow another till the summit is attained.

Excuses for an "after-recess" dismissal is one of the many evils which the conscientious teacher feels is working injury to her pupil, and which dire necessity alone should compel the parent to grant his boy or girl. Habits of order are also destroyed by continued absence, impairing the discipline of the school.

Control of a school is not always the government of it. Physical force can control a school. Moral influence, and that superior knowledge which every intelligent child is quick to detect in the teacher fitted to his or her work, alone can govern it. Parents are not all perfect; and a word here about speaking in the presence of a child as to any particular method or any act of the teacher in enforcing proper discipline: a questioning the wisdom, or condemning the act of a teacher, is most sure to crop out in fruits of resistance or rebellion. Prompt obedience, and a cheerful submission to the authority of the teacher, should be impressed by the parent upon the mind of the child. No school can be successful without it. While the scholar is in school the teacher takes the place of the parent, and is morally responsible for the proper care of the child. If the teacher is unfitted, or is unfaithful, the remedy is in the hands of the committee. The statutes of Massachusetts require "every teacher shall have competent ability and good morals."

Every citizen has interest and an influence, and it is his duty to exert it on the side of good order and sustain and co-operate with the teacher in promoting the general welfare.

It is not difficult to see the effect of *home training* in the school-room. The boy taught at home that *he* was born to be President, whether he honestly earn the title or no, is likely to begin the exercise of his domineering over his mates, and will soon question the authority of his teacher, who, in order to counteract the evil, is compelled to resort to a method of persuasion lying latent in his ferule.

The age of admission to our school was wisely changed from four to five years. Better had it been changed to six or seven. The more the scholar would know and the better qualified to learn at ten, provided proper home influence and training were given him. The idea of making our school-room a hospital for the relief of mothers from the burdens of care incident to an excess or superfluity of children is a subversion of the system. The sub-primary, or the Kindergarten system, is the proper one for this class of children, where healthful exercise, together with some object-teaching, is producing the best of results; it seems to be

Nature's way for the normal development of perfect men and women at this initial period of their life. But to confine these tender ones to the stricter discipline suited to older pupils is an injury to them, physically as well as mentally.

The town have been very generous in their appropriation for schooling, also for much-needed and necessary repairs to the buildings.

In the east part of the town, children have always, till the present, been dependent upon the neighbors for their supply of water; now a good well and pump are in the yard. The building has been greatly improved in its conveniences and its architecture.

The tabulated report is herewith annexed.

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for the Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Num- ber belonging.	Average Attendance.	Number under 5 years.	Number over 15 years.	Number be- tween 8 & 14.	Length of School in Months.	Wages per Month.
High	56	52	49 $\frac{4}{5}$	0	31	8	10	{ \$125
Pond Grammar	55	48 $\frac{8}{5}$	43 $\frac{29}{100}$	0	6	49	10	45
Pond Intermediate	42	40 $\frac{19}{25}$	36 $\frac{88}{100}$	0	0	42	10	42
Pond Primary	95	60 $\frac{7}{8}$	49 $\frac{91}{100}$	0	0	30	10	32
Union Grammar	37	36 $\frac{7}{10}$	33 $\frac{4}{5}$	0	2	35	10	32
Union Intermediate	44	40 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	44	10	42
Union Primary	78	47 $\frac{3}{50}$	41 $\frac{2}{5}$	3	0	27	10	32
Iron Works Grammar	44	37 $\frac{1}{20}$	32 $\frac{4}{5}$	0	1	44	10	42
Iron Works Intermediate	42	36 $\frac{93}{100}$	32 $\frac{73}{100}$	0	0	30	10	29 av.
Iron Works Primary	84	60 $\frac{11}{20}$	50 $\frac{23}{50}$	0	0	20	10	32
East Grammar	28	22 $\frac{81}{100}$	20 $\frac{59}{100}$	0	0	28	10	42
East Primary	52	34 $\frac{1}{10}$	26 $\frac{100}{100}$	1	0	23	10	29 av.
Middle	34	27 $\frac{1}{10}$	24 $\frac{2}{5}$	0	0	22	10	32
Southeast ..	37	31 $\frac{23}{40}$	27 $\frac{37}{100}$	0	0	27	10	29 av.
South	47	33 $\frac{38}{40}$	27 $\frac{9}{100}$	1	2	28	10	32
Southwest ...	32	25 $\frac{3}{10}$	22 $\frac{3}{10}$	1	2	16	10	32
West	20	16 $\frac{4}{5}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	1	10	10	28



